

confidentiality of the proceedings, records, and files of a lawyer counseling committee only in a civil action. The fact that these matters would remain admissible or discoverable for purposes of a criminal action could serve as a deterrent to the implementation and functioning of the lawyer counseling committee programs. The General Assembly, therefore, may wish to consider extending the scope of this section to include a criminal action.

Defined terms: "Lawyer" § 10-101

"Practice law" § 10-101

SUBTITLE 6. PROHIBITED ACTS; PENALTIES.

10-601. PRACTICING WITHOUT ADMISSION TO BAR.

(A) IN GENERAL.

EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY LAW, A PERSON MAY NOT PRACTICE, ATTEMPT TO PRACTICE, OR OFFER TO PRACTICE LAW IN THE STATE UNLESS ADMITTED TO THE BAR.

(B) ACTIVITIES OF LAWYERS ON DISCIPLINARY STATUS.

WHILE AN INDIVIDUAL IS ON INACTIVE STATUS OR DISBARRED OR WHILE THE INDIVIDUAL'S RIGHT TO PRACTICE LAW IS SUSPENDED OR REVOKED, THE INDIVIDUAL MAY:

(1) DISCHARGE EXISTING OBLIGATIONS;

(2) COLLECT AND DISTRIBUTE ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE; OR

(3) PERFORM ANY OTHER ACT THAT IS NECESSARY TO CONCLUDE THE AFFAIRS OF A LAW PRACTICE BUT THAT DOES NOT CONSTITUTE PRACTICING LAW.

(C) NO DEFENSE TO ACT THROUGH LAWYER.

IT IS NOT A DEFENSE TO A CHARGE OF A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION THAT THE DEFENDANT ACTED THROUGH AN OFFICER, DIRECTOR, PARTNER, TRUSTEE, AGENT, OR EMPLOYEE WHO IS A LAWYER.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from the first clause of the first sentence of former Art. 10, § 1, the second sentence and, except for the penalties, the first sentence of § 11, and, except for the penalties, § 32(a) and the second, fourth, and fifth sentences of former Art. 27, § 14.

In subsection (a) of this section, the reference to exceptions "otherwise provided by law" is substituted