

(2000 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Business Occupations and Professions

Section 10-206(b)(4)

Annotated Code of Maryland

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SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

4-405.

The District Court has exclusive jurisdiction over a small claim action, which, for purposes of this section, means a civil action for money in which the amount claimed does not exceed \$5,000 exclusive of interest, costs, and attorney's fees, if attorney's fees are recoverable by law or contract; and landlord tenant action under §§ 8-401 and 8-402 of the Real Property Article of the Code, in which the amount of rent claimed does not exceed \$5,000 exclusive of interest and costs.

Article – Business Occupations and Professions

10-206.

(a) Except as otherwise provided by law, before an individual may practice law in the State, the individual shall:

- (1) be admitted to the Bar; and
- (2) meet any requirement that the Court of Appeals may set by rule.

(b) This section does not apply to:

(4) (i) an officer of a corporation, an employee designated by an officer of a corporation, a partner in a business operated as a partnership or an employee designated by a partner, A MEMBER OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY OR AN EMPLOYEE DESIGNATED BY A MEMBER OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, or an employee designated by the owner of a business operated as a sole proprietorship while the officer, partner, MEMBER, or employee is appearing on behalf of the corporation, partnership, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, or business in a civil action in the District Court of Maryland if the action:

1. is based on a claim that does not exceed the amount set under § 4-405 of the Courts Article for a small claim action; and

2. is not based on an assignment, to the corporation, partnership, or business, of the claim of another;

(ii) an employee designated under subparagraph (i) of this paragraph: