

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

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:

(1) a person while representing a landlord in a summary ejectment proceeding in the District Court of Maryland;

(2) a person while representing a tenant in a summary ejectment proceeding in the District Court of Maryland if the person is:

(i) a law student practicing in a clinical law program at a law school accredited by the American Bar Association with the in-court supervision of a faculty member; or

(ii) employed by a nonprofit organization receiving grants from the Maryland Legal Services Corporation and:

1. the person has training and experience;
2. the person is supervised by a lawyer; and
3. the supervising lawyer's appearance is entered in the proceeding;

(3) an insurance company while defending an insured through staff counsel;
or

(4) (1) 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, OR AN EMPLOYEE DESIGNATED BY THE OWNER OF A BUSINESS OPERATED AS A SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP while THE OFFICER, PARTNER, OR EMPLOYEE IS appearing on [its] behalf OF THE CORPORATION, PARTNERSHIP, OR BUSINESS in a civil action in the District Court of Maryland if the action:

[(i)] 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

[(ii)] 2. is not based on an assignment, to the corporation, PARTNERSHIP, OR BUSINESS, of the claim of another.