

Unauthorized Practice of Law Complaint Form



Instructions: Please complete the below fields and either print and mail to the below address, or download, save and email to Eileen Carrouth at ecarrouth@sctbar.org. Attach or include all supporting documents. Mail to: South Carolina Bar Unauthorized Practice of Law Committee, P.O. Box 608, Columbia, SC 29202.

Note: In South Carolina, the practice of law without a license is a felony. See S.C. Code §40-5-310 ("No person may either practice law or solicit the legal cause of another person or entity in this State unless he is enrolled as a member of the South Carolina Bar pursuant to applicable court rules, or otherwise authorized to perform prescribed legal activities by action of the Supreme Court of South Carolina. The type of conduct that is the subject of any charge filed pursuant to this section must have been defined as the unauthorized practice of law by the Supreme Court of South Carolina prior to any charge being filed. A person who violates this section is guilty of a felony and, upon conviction, must be fined not more than five thousand dollars or imprisoned not more than five years, or both."). The South Carolina Bar is not empowered to enforce this statute. The South Carolina Bar's UPL Committee may share this information with other persons and agencies in an effort to improve the protection of residents. However, to prosecute your particular case, please contact your local law enforcement office directly.

Your contact information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Complaint Information:

Identify the person or organization you are complaining about. Provide as much information as you have.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Webpage (include URL): _____

Communications:

Include information about where and how the person or organization communicated with you. Provide all details you have.

Did you meet in person? Yes No

If you met in person, where did you meet? In South Carolina Outside South Carolina N/A

Did you communicate by (Check all that apply): Phone Letter Email Other: _____

Explain more here about how you communicated if need:



Activity engaged/work performed:

Check all that apply regarding the activity engaged in or the work performed:

- Advertising legal services or holding out as an attorney
- Giving legal advice
- Preparing legal documents, with or without payment of a fee
- Representation in a legal matter heard by a court or other tribunal
- Charging or collecting payment for services
- Other: _____

Please describe in detail the activity that is the subject of your complaint.:

Did you pay the person or organization for services? Yes No

If you paid, how much did you pay? \$ _____

List names, addresses and phone numbers of anyone who may be able to provide additional information concerning your complaint:

Is there any lawsuit or other legal action against anyone about this problem? Yes No

If there is a lawsuit or legal action, what is the current status? _____

Additional Information:

Is there any other information that you think might be relevant to your complaint that we need to know? Please explain.

Signature: _____

Name: _____ Date: _____