

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 57th Legislature (2019)

3 SENATE BILL 514

By: Brooks

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to unauthorized practice of law;
8 defining term; prohibiting unauthorized practice of
9 law; creating misdemeanor offense; establishing
10 punishment; providing for codification; and providing
11 an effective date.

12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

13 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
14 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1.1A of Title 5, unless there is
15 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

16 A. For purposes of this section, "unauthorized practice of law"
17 occurs when a person solicits or accepts compensation for giving
18 legal advice of any kind or acting on behalf of a client in any
19 judicial or administrative proceeding without being licensed to
20 practice law in this state. This shall include, but not be limited
21 to, appearing before a court on behalf of a client or preparing and
22 causing a document to be presented to a court on behalf of a client.

23 B. Any person who engages in the unauthorized practice of law
24 shall be guilty of a misdemeanor that, upon conviction, shall be

1 punishable by imprisonment in a county jail not to exceed six (6)
2 months, or by a fine not to exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00),
3 or by both such imprisonment and fine.

4 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2019.

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