

**Rule 779. Unauthorized Practice of Law Proceedings**

**(a) Proceedings against Suspended Illinois Lawyers and Out of State Lawyers.** Unauthorized practice of law proceedings authorized by the Inquiry Board against an Illinois attorney who is suspended or against a lawyer licensed in another jurisdiction in the United States shall be instituted by the Administrator by the filing of a disciplinary complaint before the Hearing Board, and the hearing and review procedure shall be governed by Rule 753.

**(b) Proceedings Against Disbarred Illinois Lawyers and Unlicensed Persons.** Unauthorized practice of law proceedings authorized by the Inquiry Board against an Illinois attorney who is disbarred or disbarred on consent or against a person, entity or association that is not licensed to practice law in any other United States' jurisdiction may be brought by the Administrator as civil and/or contempt actions pursuant to the rules of this court, its inherent authority over the practice of law, or other laws of the State related to the unauthorized practice of law. Proceedings shall be commenced in the circuit court for the circuit in which venue would be proper under the Code of Civil Procedure (735 ILCS 5/2-101 *et seq.*), unless venue is fixed by a specific law governing the proceedings, in which case that venue provision controls. The circuit court is authorized to enter a final judgment disposing of the case. Appeals from that judgment are governed by Rule 301 of this court.

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