

Chapter 9 Attorneys

78A-9-101 Admission to state bar -- Criminal history background checks.

- (1) The Utah State Bar shall require each person applying for admission to the Utah State Bar to submit a complete set of fingerprints for the purpose of conducting a national criminal history background check.
- (2) Fingerprints of applicants for admission to the Utah State Bar shall be submitted to the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Criminal Identification to be used to conduct a criminal history background check and to the Federal Bureau of Investigation to obtain a national criminal history background check.
- (3) The criminal history background information obtained from the Department of Public Safety and the national criminal history background information obtained from the Federal Bureau of Investigation pursuant to this section may be used by the Utah State Bar to determine an applicant's character, fitness, and suitability for admission to the Utah State Bar.

Renumbered and Amended by Chapter 3, 2008 General Session

78A-9-102 Fees for certificate of admission.

The appellate courts shall receive a \$50 fee for a certificate of admission as attorney and counselor, \$30 of which shall be distributed by the state treasurer to the Judicial Council as a dedicated credit for the benefit of the State Law Library.

Amended by Chapter 391, 2010 General Session

78A-9-103 Practicing law without a license prohibited -- Exceptions.

- (1) Unless otherwise provided by law or court rule, an individual may not practice law or assume to act or hold himself or herself out to the public as an individual qualified to practice law within this state if that individual:
 - (a) is not admitted and licensed to practice law within this state;
 - (b) has been disbarred or suspended from the practice of law; or
 - (c) is prohibited from practicing law by court order entered pursuant to the courts' inherent powers or published court rule.
- (2) The prohibition against the practice of law described in Subsection (1) shall be enforced by any civil action or proceeding instituted by the Board of Commissioners of the Utah State Bar.
- (3) Nothing in this section prohibits an individual from personally and fully representing that individual's own interests in a cause to which that individual is a party in the individual's own right and not as an assignee.

Amended by Chapter 2, 2013 Special Session 1

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