

The Evolution of the ABA Model Rules On The Unauthorized Practice of Law: Myth vs. Reality

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Why this topic?

The New York State Bar Admissions Process

The Surprise

The New York State Bar admission process based on reciprocity was so complicated that I had to hire an attorney. In speaking with various lawyers, I was surprised to find that all believed that I didn't need to take any action because I was in house.

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Reality

37 states require some sort of registration for in house counsel.

Example

In 2013, the Illinois Supreme Court announced that 2014 was the “year of amnesty” for out of compliance in house counsel because only 8.3% of in house were in compliance.

https://www.iardc.org/Supreme_Court_Rule_Press_Release_Re_In-House_Couns%20%20%20.pdf

Perception

If a state offers admission without examination (AWOX), the process is quick and straight forward.

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