

# **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.

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## Perception

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

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