

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 February 12, 2013

3 SENATE BILL NO. 986

By: Sykes of the Senate

4 and

5 Echols of the House

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

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

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

17 A. For purposes of this section, "unauthorized practice of law"
18 occurs when a person gives legal advice of any kind or acts on
19 behalf of a client in any legal matter 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 causing a
22 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, 2013.

5 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY
6 February 12, 2013 - DO PASS
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