

2021 Kansas Statutes

50-6,142. Unauthorized practice of law; penalties. (a) A person who is not licensed or otherwise authorized by the Kansas supreme court to practice law in this state shall not do any of the following:

- (1) Commit any act or omission that is prohibited by the Kansas supreme court, either by court rule or by common law, as being the unauthorized practice of law;
- (2) hold out to the public or otherwise represent, expressly or by implication, that such person is admitted to practice law in this state;
- (3) solicit payment or other consideration, whether in cash or in-kind, for services that would constitute the unauthorized practice of law in this state if performed at or about the time of such solicitation; or
- (4) offer or attempt to do any act prohibited by this subsection.

(b) A violation of subsection (a) constitutes an unconscionable act or practice in violation of K.S.A. 50-627, and amendments thereto, whether or not it involves a consumer, a consumer transaction or a supplier, as defined in K.S.A. 50-624, and amendments thereto.

(c) For the purposes of this section:

- (1) "Person" means an individual who, or any corporation, agency, partnership, association or other legal entity that, knowingly commits acts or omissions that violate this section or aids or abets a person to commit acts or omissions that violate this section;
 - (2) a person described in subsection (a) shall be deemed a supplier within the meaning of K.S.A. 50-624, and amendments thereto; and
 - (3) an individual, sole proprietor, partnership, corporation, limited liability company, the state or a subdivision or agency of the state aggrieved by a violation of subsection (a) shall be deemed a consumer within the meaning of K.S.A. 50-624, and amendments thereto.
- (d) Any remedies or penalties imposed pursuant to this section shall be in addition to, and not instead of, any remedies or penalties available under the contempt power of any court.
- (e) The provisions of this section shall not apply to statewide, judicial district or municipal court-supervised public assistance offices and programs, victims assistance programs operated by a county or district attorney, court clerk, county law library, legal aid services providers, legal outreach programs operated by a state or local bar association or an employee of any such entity acting within the scope of employment.
- (f) This section shall be part of and supplemental to the Kansas consumer protection act.

History: L. 2017, ch. 53, § 1; April 27.