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The counsel shall have the power and duty:

1. to initiate an investigation concerning the alleged unauthorized practice of law;
2. to direct a letter of notice to a respondent when authorized by the chairperson of the Authorized Practice Committee;
3. to investigate all matters involving alleged unauthorized practice of law whether initiated by the filing of a complaint or otherwise;
4. to recommend to the chairperson of the Authorized Practice Committee that a matter be dismissed because the complaint is frivolous or falls outside the council's jurisdiction; that a letter of notice be issued; or that the matter be considered by the Authorized Practice Committee to determine whether probable cause exists;
5. to prosecute all unauthorized practice of law proceedings before the Authorized Practice Committee and the courts;
6. to represent the State Bar in any trial or other proceedings concerned with the alleged unauthorized practice of law;
7. to employ assistant counsel, investigators, and other administrative personnel in such numbers as the council may from time to time authorize;
8. to maintain permanent records of all matters processed and the disposition of such matters;
9. to perform such other duties as the council may from time to time direct.