

27 NCAC 01D .0207 COUNSEL - POWERS AND DUTIES

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.

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