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CHAPTER 86

AN ACT to repeal and recreate 348.325 of the statutes, relating to solicitation of legal business, and providing penalties.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

348.325 of the statutes is repealed and recreated to read:

348.325 BARRATRY. (1) SOLICITING LEGAL BUSINESS. It shall be unlawful for any person to solicit legal matters or a retainer, written or oral, or any agreement authorizing an attorney to perform or render legal services.

- (2) SOLICITATION OF A RETAINER FOR AN ATTORNEY. It shall be unlawful for any person to communicate directly or indirectly with any attorney or person acting in his behalf for the purpose of aiding, assisting or abetting such attorney in the solicitation of legal matters or the procurement through solicitation of a retainer, written or oral, or any agreement authorizing the attorney to perform or render legal services.
- (3) EMPLOYMENT BY ATTORNEY OF PERSON TO SOLICIT LEGAL MATTERS. It shall be unlawful for an attorney to employ any person for the purpose of soliciting legal matters or the procurement through solicitation of a retainer, written or oral, or of any agreement authorizing the attorney to perform or render legal services.
- (4) PENALTY. Any person guilty of any violation of this section shall be imprisoned not more than 6 months or fined not exceeding \$500.

Approved May 6, 1955.