



CHAPTER 84

ARTICLE 4 - NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR

N.C.G.S. § 84-16.

Membership and privileges.

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General Statutes of North Carolina, as published by the General Assembly	S.L. 2007-200, s. 1 — eleventh act in the lineage	21 September 2026, 03:31 UTC	2112162cb613bfa1f0495a73 - cf0346c4d691825882611a25 - 2019da8de67510e5

The membership of the North Carolina State Bar shall consist of two classes, active and inactive.

The active members shall be all persons who have obtained a license or certificate, entitling them to practice law in the State of North Carolina, who have paid the membership dues specified, and who have satisfied all other obligations of membership. No person other than a member of the North Carolina State Bar shall practice in any court of the State except foreign attorneys as provided by statute and natural persons representing themselves.

Inactive members shall be:

All persons who have obtained a license to practice law in the State but who have been found by the Council to be not engaged in the practice of law and not holding themselves out as practicing attorneys and not occupying any public or private positions in which they may be called upon to give legal advice or counsel or to examine the law or to pass upon, adjudicate, or offer an opinion concerning the legal effect of any act, document, or law.

Persons allowed by the Council solely to represent indigent clients on a pro bono basis under the supervision of an active member employed by a nonprofit corporation qualified to render legal services pursuant to G.S. 84-5.1.

All active members shall be required to pay annual membership fees, and shall have the right to vote in elections held by the district bar in the judicial district in which the member resides. If a member desires to vote with the bar of some district in which the member practices, other than that in which the member resides, the member may do so by filing with the Secretary of the North Carolina State Bar a statement in writing that the member desires to vote in the other district; provided, however, that in no case shall the member be entitled to vote in more than one district.

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APPARATUS I

11 ACTS

Amendment lineage

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Nº	YEAR	ACT	CHARACTER
01	1933	c. 210, s. 2	ENACTED
02	1939	c. 21, s. 1	AMENDED
03	1941	c. 344, ss. 1, 2, 3	AMENDED
04	1969	c. 44, s. 60	AMENDED
05	1969	c. 1190, s. 52	AMENDED
06	1973	c. 1152, s. 1	AMENDED
07	1981	c. 788, s. 2	AMENDED
08	1983	c. 589, s. 1	AMENDED
09	1985	c. 621	AMENDED
10	1995	c. 431, s. 8	AMENDED
11	2007	S.L. 2007-200, s. 1	AMENDED

APPARATUS II

1 AUTHORITY

Authorities referenced

Every G.S. cross-reference appearing in the text of this section, in order of first appearance. Nothing is characterized; the operative language is quoted from the section itself.

REFERENCE	APPEARS IN	OPERATIVE LANGUAGE IN THIS SECTION
G.S. 84-5.1	(null)(2)	"to render legal services pursuant to"

APPARATUS III

Citation

FULL SECTION

N.C. Gen. Stat. § 84-16 (2007).

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HISTORY PARENTHETICAL, AS PRINTED BY THE STATE

(1933, c. 210, s. 2; 1939, c. 21, s. 1; 1941, c. 344, ss. 1, 2, 3; 1969, c. 44, s. 60; c. 1190, s. 52; 1973, c. 1152, s. 1; 1981, c. 788, s. 2; 1983, c. 589, s. 1; 1985, c. 621; 1995, c. 431, s. 8; 2007-200, s. 1.)

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