



**PRESS, OUTREACH, & UPDATES:**

**February 18, 2026**

## **PRESS (PDF in BOX)**

- ❖ 2026-01-30 New York State Bar Ethics Opinion 1291 re ABS
- ❖ 2026-02-10 Justpoint Law Becomes First AI-Native, Mass Tort Law Firm as AZ ABS
- ❖ 2026-02-09 Lawyer outsourcing company Axiom shuts Arizona law firm \_ Reuters
- ❖ 2026-02-11 Illinois bill would effectively ban ABS

## **ENTITY REGULATION PILOT PROJECT**

- ❖ Applications Received: 3
- ❖ Authorized Entities: 0

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS**

- ❖ March 6-7, 2026, Board of Governors Meeting, Zoom/Grand Mound
- ❖ March 18, 2026, Practice of Law Board Meeting, Zoom
- ❖ April 22, 2026, Practice of Law Board Meeting, **In-Person**/Zoom

2026 UPL Complaints

Received: 23

Referred: 15

UPL #	Date of Complaint	Complainant Occupation	Respondent Occupation	UPL Complaint	Brief Summary	Referred
25-27	10/2/2025	Attorney	Out-of-state attorney	Legal advice, legal documents, legal services	Respondent sent legal documents to Complainant's client but is not authorized to practice law in Washington	Yes
25-28	10/10/2025	Individual	Individual	legal advice, legal documents	The Complainant alleges that the Respondent, who is the Complainant's husband's girlfriend, has been completing legal paperwork and attending court proceedings related to a Domestic Violence Protection Order (DVPO), as well as preparing dissolution of marriage documents. The complainant further states that a judge has previously warned the respondent not to assist with legal documentation.	No
25-29	10/13/2025	Individual	Individual	legal documents, legal services	Complainant's client paid Respondent \$2600 to assist with immigration paperwork. Respondent is not an attorney, and the forms that were filed were incorrect. The money was never returned.	Yes
25-30	10/17/2025	Individual	Individual	legal advice, legal documents, legal rights, legal services	Respondent is not a licensed attorney and Complainant alleges that Respondent is filing documents with the court and even attempted to appear in court.	Yes
25-31	10/20/2025	Individual	Paralegal	Legal advice, legal documents, legal rights	Complainant worked with Respondent at a law firm. Complainant alleges that Respondent was given duties and responsibilities that constituted the practice of law with no attorney oversight. Respondent was in charge of a team of attorneys.	Yes
25-32	10/22/2025	Individual	Individual	legal advice, legal documents	Complainant alleges that Respondent claimed to be a licensed attorney from New York and offered legal assistance during two court cases. Complainant paid Respondent \$1,000. Respondent allegedly drafted and filed legal documents. Respondent is not licensed in WA	Yes
25-33	10/31/2025	Individual	Attorney	legal advice, legal documents	Complainant alleges that Respondent was not authorized to practice law but was doing so anyway. Respondent was a Rule 9 Legal Intern and is now a licensed attorney.	No
25-35	11/12/2025	Attorney	Paralegal	legal advice, legal documents, negotiated legal rights, provided legal services	Complainant alleges Respondent is a paralegal and is representing individuals for their UM claims. Respondent has signed the letter of representation and is not working with an attorney	Yes
25-36	11/15/2025	Individual	Out-of-state attorney	legal advice, legal documents, appeared in court, legal rights, legal services	Respondent is Complainant's ex-husband's girlfriend. Complainant alleges Respondent is giving the ex-husband legal advice, as well as assisting with and filing paperwork on his behalf.	No
25-37	11/27/2025	Individual	Individual	legal documents, appeared in court, legal rights	Complainant was living with a friend and was asked to move out but refused. Respondent has Power of Attorney over the friend and is assisting with removing Complainant.	No
25-38	11/30/2025	Individual	Individual	legal advice, legal documents, legal rights, legal services	This complaint is related to 25-38. Complainant is alleging that Respondent sued Bank of America on behalf of Complainant's roommate/Respondent's client and pocketed the money. Complainant is also alleging that Respondent is acting against Complainant's roommates best interests.	No
25-39	12/2/2025	Individual	Individual	legal advice, legal documents, legal rights	Complainant is involved in a lawsuit and acting pro se. Respondent works for the court and issues documents to the Complainant.	No
25-40	12/15/2025	Individual	Out-of-state attorney	Legal advice, legal documents, legal services	Complainant's attorney sent a cease and desist to Respondent's wife. Respondent responded to the cease and desist but made it clear he was acting as a husband and not an attorney.	No

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25-41	12/15/2025	Attorney	Corporation	legal advice, legal services	The Respondent is a corporation with "legal" in the title. Respondent claims to help people exit timeshare agreements. Complainant's client had to take out a \$16,561.00 loan with a \$5,592.68 finance charge at an APR of 19.99% just to work with Respondent. Respondent took the money but did not take any action.	Yes
25-42	12/15/2025	Individual	Out-of-state attorney	legal advice, legal documents, negotiated legal rights, offered to provide legal services	Complainant alleges that the respondent provided legal advice and direction that materially affected Washington-based legal rights and proceedings, including matters occurring while a Washington Domestic Violence Protection Order (DVPO) was in effect and involving Washington parties. No clear evidence was provided.	No
25-43	12/18/2025	Attorney	Paralegal	legal advice, legal documents	Complainant is an attorney that interviewed Respondent for a job. Respondent claimed to be a "freelance paralegal" and admitted to giving legal advice and preparing forms for pro se litigants.	Yes
26-01	1/2/2026	Attorney	Notario	legal advice, legal documents, legal services	Complainant alleges that Respondent claims to be an attorney and offered to assist a non-english speaker with an immigration case. Respondent allegedly took money and ruined an immigration case that Complainant is now trying to fix. The money paid to Respondent was never returned.	Yes
26-02	1/9/2026	Individual	Attorney - voluntarily resigned	legal advice, legal documents, legal services	Complainant is a homeowner and Respondent is an HOA Board member and on the "Legal & Rules Committee". Complainant alleges that Respondent is giving legal advice and direction regarding ongoing litigation against the Board.	Yes
26-03	1/29/2026	Individual	Individual	legal advice, legal services	Complainant and Respondent are involved in a contractual dispute. Respondent identified themselves as an attorney but is not licensed to practice law in WA. When the Complainant pointed out that Respondent is not listed in the WSBA directory, Respondent created a fake email with a fake name stating to be an attorney for Respondent. The name used was also not someone licensed to practice in WA.	Yes
26-04	1/30/2026	Individual	Unknown	legal documents, appeared in court	An attorney passed away and someone at the law firm is filing documents with the court that have the deceased attorney's signature and are dated after the attorney passed.	Yes
26-05	2/5/2026	Out-of-state Attorney	Unknown	legal advice, legal services	Complainant is an out-of-state attorney and Respondent is using Complainant's name and picture to pose as an immigration attorney in WA.	Yes
26-06	2/6/2026	Individual	Out-of-state attorney	legal advice, legal services	Respondent was working as an attorney at a law firm in WA but is not licensed to practice law in WA.	Yes
26-07	2/13/2026	Individual	Individual	legal advice, legal documents, legal services	Respondent claimed to be an immigration attorney and Complainant paid Respondent \$2,800 to assist with an immigration case. Respondent is not licensed to practice law in WA.	Yes