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Subject to additional definitions contained in other provisions of this subchapter, the following words and phrases, when used in this subchapter, have the meanings set forth in this Rule, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

- (1) Chair - the councilor appointed by the president to serve as chair of the Authorized Practice Committee of the North Carolina State Bar.
- (2) Complainant - any person who has complained to the North Carolina State Bar alleging that the conduct of any person, firm, or corporation constitutes the unauthorized practice of law in North Carolina.
- (3) Complaint - information submitted to the North Carolina State Bar alleging the unauthorized practice of law.
- (4) Council - the Council of the North Carolina State Bar.
- (5) Councilor - a member of the Council of the North Carolina State Bar.
- (6) Counsel - the counsel of the North Carolina State Bar or any attorney appointed by the counsel to provide legal services to the North Carolina State Bar.
- (7) Court or courts of this state - a court authorized and established by the Constitution or laws of the State of North Carolina.
- (8) Investigation - the gathering of information with respect to a complaint.
- (9) Investigator - any person designated by the committee or the counsel to assist in the investigation of a complaint.
- (10) Letter of notice - a communication sent by the committee to a respondent setting forth a summary of conduct that is alleged to constitute the unauthorized practice of law seeking a response to the allegations.
- (11) Office of the counsel - the office and staff maintained by the counsel of the North Carolina State Bar.
- (12) Office of the secretary - the office and staff maintained by the secretary of the North Carolina State Bar.
- (13) Probable Cause - a finding by the Authorized Practice Committee that there is reasonable cause to believe that a respondent has engaged in the unauthorized practice of law.
- (14) Respondent - any person, firm, or corporation alleged to have engaged in the unauthorized practice of law.
- (15) Secretary - the secretary of the North Carolina State Bar.
- (16) Vice-chair - the councilor appointed by the president to serve as the vice-chair of the Authorized Practice Committee of the North Carolina State Bar.

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