

Legislative Study Committee on Paralegal Regulation

Proposed Revisions to GS 84-23 (Redline)

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G.S. 84-23. Powers of Council

Subject to the superior authority of the General Assembly to legislate thereon by general law, and except as herein otherwise limited, the Council is hereby vested, as an agency of the State, with the authority to regulate the professional conduct of licensed attorneys. Among other powers, the Council shall administer this Article; take actions that are necessary to ensure the competence of lawyers **and their nonlawyer assistants**; formulate and adopt rules of professional ethics and conduct; investigate and prosecute matters of professional misconduct; grant or deny petitions for reinstatement; resolve questions pertaining to membership status; arbitrate disputes concerning legal fees; certify legal specialists **and paralegals**; determine whether a member is disabled; and formulate and adopt procedures for accomplishing these purposes....