

Ghost-Lawyering: When Being a Friend Becomes Your Foe

Answer the following with either True or False:

1. Ghost-lawyering occurs in litigation settings but does not occur during non-litigation.

True or False

2. An attorney who guides the drafting of a substantial portion of the pleadings, motions, and briefs for a pro se litigant without signing them engages in ghost-lawyering.

True or False

3. It is permissible in a non-litigation setting for an attorney to prepare documents for a friend, who appears to be unrepresented, that will be presented to another attorney.

True or False

4. Engaging in ghost-lawyering may subject one to both an ethics charge and to a malpractice action.

True or False

5. A ghost-written document, submitted to the court without the signature of the attorney who wrote the document, constitutes a violation of NCRP §11.

True or False

6. Local rule §8.03 of the Rules of Practice for the Second Judicial District Court of the State of Nevada, empowers courts of the district to strike non-conforming documents as defined under §7.20, which reinforces Nevada State policy.

True or False

7. §1.12(b)(7) and (8) of the Rules of Practice for the First Judicial District Court of the State of Nevada grant courts of its district wide discretion to impose sanctions on parties and/or attorneys for his or her neglect to comply with any applicable law, rule, or order of the court.

True or False

8. In Nevada, the existence of vast not-for-profit organizations eliminates the need to engage in ghost-lawyering.

True or False

9. Simply guiding the drafting of a substantial portion of pleadings, motions, and briefs for a ghost-client, without signing them, constitutes impermissible ghost-lawyering.

True or False

10. Simply providing limited, informal legal advice and assistance to family and friends constitutes impermissible ghost-lawyering.

True or False



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