

**REVISED JUDICATURE ACT OF 1961 (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 236 of 1961**

**600.586 Sheriff, deputy sheriff, or county medical examiner licensed to practice law; prohibited conduct; exceptions; violation as civil infraction; penalty.**

Sec. 586. (1) A sheriff, deputy sheriff, or county medical examiner licensed to practice law in this state shall not do either of the following:

- (a) Serve process in an action in which he or she acts as attorney or counsel for a party.
- (b) Appear in court as attorney or counsel for a criminal defendant, except in a criminal or civil contempt proceeding.

(2) This section does not prohibit either of the following:

(a) A county from limiting or prohibiting the practice of law by a sheriff, deputy sheriff, or county medical examiner.

(b) A sheriff from limiting or prohibiting the practice of law by a deputy sheriff.

(3) A person who violates subsection (1) is responsible for a state civil infraction and may be ordered to pay a civil fine of not more than \$500.00.

**History:** 1961, Act 236, Eff. Jan. 1, 1963;—Am. 1992, Act 255, Eff. Mar. 31, 1993;—Am. 1996, Act 177, Imd. Eff. Apr. 18, 1996.