

# Solicitors Act 1974

## **1974 CHAPTER 47**

## PART I

#### RIGHT TO PRACTISE AS SOLICITOR

Unqualified persons acting as solicitors

### 23 Unqualified person not to act in preparation of papers for probate, etc.

- (1) If any person to whom this subsection applies, directly or as an agent of any other person, whether or not that other person is a person to whom this subsection applies—
  - (a) takes instructions for a grant of probate or of letters of administration, or
  - (b) draws or prepares any papers on which to found or oppose any such grant,

he shall, unless he proves that the act was not done for or in expectation of any fee, gain or reward, and without prejudice to any other liability or disability to which he may be subject under this or any other Act, be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding £10.

(2) Subsection (1) applies to any unqualified person who is not a barrister or duly certificated notary public.