

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Pursuant to Bar Rule 14-9.1, the Standing Committee on the Unlicensed Practice of Law has received a request for an advisory opinion as to whether certain activity constitutes the unlicensed practice of law. The particular situation presented is as follows:

A consulting forester represents a landowner in the sale of his timber. The consulting forester, in the past, had an attorney draft a timber contract for the sale of timber by a different landowner. The consulting forester wants to use the same timber contract for closing of the present timber sale, and not have an attorney involved in the sale and closing of the timber sale. He proposes to merely change name of landowner, name of timber company purchaser, sales price, timber being purchased and land description where the timber is located. All of this to be done so that the sale of timber can be accomplished without timber company employing an attorney to close the timber sale. Is the consulting forester engaging in the unauthorized practice of law?

In accordance with Bar Rule 14-9.1(f), notice is hereby given that a public hearing concerning this matter will be held at 12:30 P.M., Friday, June 1, 2012, at the Savannah International Trade & Convention Center, One International Drive, Savannah, Georgia. Prior to the hearing, individuals are invited to submit any written comments regarding the issue to UPL Advisory Opinions, State Bar of Georgia, Suite 700, 104 Marietta Street, NW, Atlanta, Georgia 30303.