



# Solicitors Act 1974

## 1974 CHAPTER 47

### PART I

#### RIGHT TO PRACTISE AS SOLICITOR

##### *Unqualified persons acting as solicitors*

#### **21 Unqualified person not to pretend to be a solicitor.**

Any unqualified person who wilfully pretends to be, or takes or uses any name, title, addition or description implying that he is, qualified or recognised by law as qualified to act as a solicitor shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to [<sup>F1</sup>a fine not exceeding the fourth level on the standard scale]

#### **Textual Amendments**

- F1** Words substituted by virtue of [Criminal Justice Act 1982 \(c. 48, SIF 39:1\)](#), [ss. 38, 46](#) and [Administration of Justice Act 1985 \(c. 61, SIF 34\)](#), [ss. 8, 69\(5\)](#), [Sch. 1 para. 6](#), [Sch. 9 para. 17](#)

#### **Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

- C1** [S. 21](#) amended by [Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988 \(c. 48, SIF 67A\)](#), [s. 278\(2\)\(3\)](#)

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Solicitors Act 1974, Section 21.