

**License Law. Lawyers, Payment of License By. Partnerships  
Of Lawyers.**

Under the provisions of Sec. 4072 of the Pol. Code, each lawyer practicing his profession, whether individually or in partnership with others, must pay the license prescribed.

Helena, Montana, May 29th, 1906.

S. V. Stewart, Esq., County Attorney, Virginia City, Montana.

Dear Sir: I am in receipt of your favor of the 24th inst., making request of my office for an opinion respecting the application of the license law to lawyers. You state that the particular feature of the law which you desire explained is whether law partnerships required to pay a license for each member of the firm.

In answer to your question we refer you to Sec. 4072 of the Pol. Code, which provides that "every person practicing a profession as a lawyer \* \* \* must pay a license of five dollars per quarter. Every

person who draws any legal instrument or paper for which a fee is charged or money paid therefor, is practicing a profession under this section. The use of the word "every" in the statute shows legislative intent to make each lawyer pay the license prescribed, and we give you as our opinion that each lawyer practicing his profession, whether individually or in partnership with others, must pay the license prescribed.

Yours very truly,

ALBERT J. GALEN,  
Attorney General.