

**331.659 Prohibited actions.**

1. *a.* Except for a civil claim for reimbursement under [section 356.7](#), a sheriff or a deputy sheriff shall not:

- (1) Appear in any court as an attorney or legal counsel for another party.
- (2) Make or prepare a writing, document or process to commence a legal action or proceeding.
- (3) Use a writing, document or process prepared by the sheriff or deputy sheriff in a legal action or proceeding.

*b.* The document, writing, or process prepared or made by a sheriff or a deputy sheriff in violation of [this subsection](#) is void.

2. A sheriff or a deputy sheriff shall not be the purchaser, directly or indirectly, of property which is being sold by the sheriff or deputy sheriff under process of law. A purchase made in violation of [this subsection](#) is void.

[C51, §175, 176; R60, §388, 389; C73, §342, 343; C97, §546, 547; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §5251, 5252; C46, 50, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §343.3, 343.4; S81, §331.659; [81 Acts, ch 117, §658](#)]

[2010 Acts, ch 1061, §180](#); [2020 Acts, ch 1074, §59, 64](#)

Subsection 1, paragraph a, unnumbered paragraph 1 amended