

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)

3 HOUSE BILL 2435

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to crimes and punishments; making
8 certain acts unlawful; providing penalties; defining
9 term; providing for codification; and providing an
10 effective date.

11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

12 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
13 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 593 of Title 21, unless there is
14 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

15 A. It shall be unlawful for a judge of any court in this state
16 to engage in a sexual relationship with a lawyer who is:

17 1. Representing a client in a civil or criminal action or
18 proceeding; or

19 2. Prosecuting a criminal case on behalf of the state or a
20 municipality,

21 then pending or about to be brought before the same judge. A judge
22 who violates the provisions of this section shall, upon conviction,
23 be guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment in the custody of
24 the Department of Corrections for a term of not more than two (2)

1 years, or a fine of not less than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00)
2 and not exceeding One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00), or by
3 both such fine and imprisonment.

4 B. As used in this section, "sexual relationship" means an
5 established course of sexual relations.

6 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2023.

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