

*Committee Opinion*  
*January 29, 1976*

LEGAL ETHICS OPINION 278

IMPROPERLY OBTAINED EVIDENCE – DUTY  
OF ATTORNEY.

It is not improper for an attorney to continue to represent a client as plaintiff and to make use of a document in connection with such representation, the acquisition of which document by client's wife may or may not have been authorized by defendant corporation, so long as the attorney was not a conspirator or an accessory to the illegal or improper obtaining of the evidence. [See II: DR:1-102(A)(1), (2) & (3); DR:7-101(B)(2) and DR:7-102(A)(7).]

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**Legal Ethics Committee Notes.** – LEO 1702 would require the lawyer to return the stolen document.