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LETTERHEADS – CONFLICT OF
INTEREST.

Partnership and Attorney "A" enter into a relationship where Attorney "A" becomes "Of Counsel" to Partnership. Attorney "A" is also associated with Attorney "B" who is engaged in a limited part-time practice. Attorney "A" may not ethically use professional cards, billheads and document imprints which fail to delineate his relationship with partnership. Attorney "A" ethically may continue his or her present association with Attorney "B," but all parties should be alert to the enhanced conflict of interest potential inherent in the arrangement. [See II: DR:4-101(B) and (E); and DR:5-105(E).] If the association between Attorney "A" and Attorney "B" is terminated, it would be unethical under DR:2-102 for Attorney "A" to continue to use stationery including Attorney "B's" name on the letterhead.

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