

Committee Opinion
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LEGAL ETHICS OPINION 412

DEFENSE COUNSEL – CONTACT WITH
VENIREMEN.

An attorney who conducted a survey to determine if a defendant could obtain a fair trial and who, during the course of that survey, unknowingly contacted three persons on the county's current venire list, did not violate DR:7-107(A) of the Virginia Code of Professional Responsibility. This disciplinary rule requires that the attorney or his agent know that the person being contacted is a member of the venire from which the jury will be selected for the trial of the case. [See also EC:7-29.]

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