

Committee Opinion  
January 9, 1985

LEGAL ETHICS OPINION 648

CONFLICT OF INTEREST – FORMER  
CLIENT-PROSPECTIVE CLIENT –  
SUBSTANTIALLY RELATED MATTER  
– REPRESENTATION – WRONGFUL.

Under the provisions of DR:5-105(B) of the Virginia Code of Professional Responsibility, a lawyer or law firm which has formerly represented and concluded settlement of claims of an estate for wrongful death, may represent another individual in a substantially related matter against a third party who precipitated the decedent's demise and whose conduct is the basis for the prospective client's claim.

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