

Committee Opinion
February 20, 1985

LEGAL ETHICS OPINION 669

CONFLICT OF INTEREST -
PREPARATION OF WAIVERS AND/OR
ANSWERS IN DOMESTIC RELATIONS
CASES.

It is improper for an attorney in a divorce case to prepare pleadings--including either a waiver of notice or an answer--for both parties or for an unrepresented defendant.

It is improper for said attorney knowingly to provide sample forms for such pleadings for the defendant which might be copied and used by the whether or not the divorce case is based upon the "no fault" ground and whether or not the issues of custody, support, equitable distribution or attorney's fees are in controversy. [LE Op. 535]

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Legal Ethics Committee Notes. – This opinion is overruled by L E Op. No. 1112 and Va. Code § 20-99.1:1.

Editor's Note. – To the extent that § 20-99.1:1 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, and L E Op. No. 1112 are inconsistent with L E Op. No. 669, the earlier Opinion is overruled. See also L E Op. No. 689.