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ATTORNEY.

The amount of payment to a deceased attorney's estate must be limited to "that portion of the total compensation that fairly represents the services rendered by the deceased lawyer." Ethical Consideration 2-20 [EC:2-20] provides guidance in the determination of the amount of compensation that may be paid by an attorney who undertakes to complete the unfinished legal business of a deceased attorney to the estate of the deceased attorney. [DR:3-102(A)]

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