

*Committee Opinion*  
*March 22, 1974*

LEGAL ETHICS OPINION 239

ATTORNEY'S REFUSAL TO ACCEPT  
COURT APPOINTMENT TO DEFEND  
INDIGENT.

Except for compelling reasons, it is improper for an attorney to refuse to accept appointment by a judge to represent an indigent criminal defendant, but whether such refusal is contemptuous is a legal, not ethical, question, and whether a particular refusal is grounds for discipline is a question for a disciplinary committee.  
[See II: DR:2-108(C).]

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