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LEGAL ETHICS OPINION 324

CONFLICT OF INTEREST –
FATHER-SON RELATIONSHIP.

The father of Partner "X" is one of three commissioners of a state regulatory agency charged with the enforcement of state statutes and the rules and regulations of the agency. Charges for violations of such statutes and rules and regulations are initially heard by a hearing examiner from whose decision there is an automatic right of appeal to the full Commission. Under these circumstances, if the commissioner who is the father of Partner "X" disqualifies himself and does not participate in any stage, it is not improper for a partner or associate of "X" to represent a client either before a hearing examiner or an appeal or hearing for review of the examiner's ruling. [See II: DR:9-101(C), see also III:C-3(C) (1) by analogy.]

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