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DOMESTIC RELATIONS –
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It would not be improper for an attorney to represent a wife in a suit to obtain alimony arrearages on a contingency basis for the amount of alimony that has been fixed previously by court order when the arrearages have continued for a period of seven years and the wife is otherwise indigent. [See II: DR:2-105(C) and EC:2-22.]

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Legal Ethics Committee Notes. – Rule 1.5(d)(1) and Comment [3a] codify the circumstances in which lawyers may handle family law matters on a contingent fee basis.