

Committee Opinion
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LEGAL ETHICS OPINION 432

ATTORNEY APPOINTED TO
REPRESENT INMATES IN
ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 53-21.1
OF THE CODE OF VIRGINIA.

Attorney was appointed to serve as counsel for indigent inmates in accordance with the provisions of § 53-21.2 of the Code of Virginia. It is ethically permissible for the attorney to represent inmates on a retained basis, even though his initial acquaintance with them arose from the court-appointed status. Nor would it be improper for the attorney to represent the inmates in civil rights, parole or habeas corpus matters. [Disclosure to Court is necessary under DR:7-102(A)(3).]

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