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LEGAL ETHICS OPINION 475

CONFLICT OF INTERESTS/
DISCONTINUING MULTIPLE
REPRESENTATION.

Under the particular circumstances involved, there was no impropriety in a law firm's continued representation of one corporate client (a contractor) although another corporate client (a subcontractor) had alleged a conflict of interests.

Originally, the law firm had represented both clients against a third party. Disagreements arose, however, between the two clients before any suit was actually filed against the third party. Also before suit, the third party itself brought suit against the contractor. Although the law firm withdrew from representing either client in any suit against the third party because of the dispute between the two clients themselves, the firm did agree to continue representing the contractor on a counterclaim in the suit filed by the third party.

In view of the requirements of DR:5-105(B), this was not improper, as the firm had withdrawn from any matters which would relate directly to both corporate clients or which would require that the law firm use any information obtained from one corporate client against that client.

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