

Committee Opinion
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LEGAL ETHICS OPINION 485

AVOIDING ACQUISITION OF
INTEREST IN LITIGATION/
ADVANCING EXPENSES.

It is improper for a private law firm to advance the costs and expenses of litigation where the client will not be ultimately liable for these costs and expenses. This is so even in a class action --when there is no readily identifiable "client" --and even though the class members are indigent. [See DR:5-103(B).]

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Legal Ethics Committee Notes. – Rule 1.8(e)(2) allows a lawyer to pay litigation costs and expenses on behalf of an indigent client.