

Committee Opinion
Revised April 17, 1985

LEGAL ETHICS OPINION 552

CONFLICT OF INTEREST – PRACTICE
BEFORE JUDGE/REAL ESTATE CO-
OWNER.

The committee has modified its earlier opinion by concluding that the propriety of members of a law firm appearing before a judge when a member of the law firm and the judge own real estate as partners, is governed by the Canons of Judicial Conduct. When the issue before the court involves the court's personal interest, the judge must disqualify himself unless, after disclosure on the record, the parties to the proceeding agree that the judge may continue. [Rules 6: § III(3)(D); cf. EC:9-1 and EC:9-2]

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