

Committee Opinion  
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LEGAL ETHICS OPINION 619

CONFLICT OF INTEREST- ATTORNEYS  
IN FAMILIAL RELATIONSHIPS.

It is improper for an attorney on the staff of a law office to represent a client in a child support matter when the client's husband is represented by a private attorney who is the spouse of said staff attorney.

It is not improper for another attorney on said staff to represent the client in the above situation so long as disclosure is made of the relationship between the other staff attorney and the adverse party's private attorney and consent of the client is obtained. [ DR:5-101(A), LE Op. 185, LE Op. 190, LE Op. 556]

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**Legal Ethics Committee Notes.** – Rule 1.8(i) now allows related lawyers to be directly adverse to one another if the clients consent.