

Committee Opinion
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LEGAL ETHICS OPINION 626

NOTARY/ATTORNEY-NOTARIZING
AFFIDAVITS, PROPERTY
SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS, SWORN
PLEADINGS OR OTHER DOCUMENTS
FOR CLIENTS OR ADVERSE PARTIES.

Under the provisions of DR:5-101(B) and DR:5-102(A) of the Virginia Code of Professional Responsibility, effective October 1, 1983, as well as § 47.1-30 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, and LE Op. 382 and LE Op. 499, it is improper for an attorney who is a notary public to notarize property settlement agreements, affidavits, sworn pleadings, or other documents for a client or for adverse parties. Specifically, it is ethically improper for an attorney to represent one of the parties in a divorce action and to serve as the notary public to the signatures of both parties to a property settlement agreement.

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