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CONFLICT OF INTEREST – FAMILIAL RELATIONSHIP TO A SITTING JUDGE.

There is nothing inherently unethical about a lawyer appearing before a judge who has a brother, brother-in-law, son or daughter in the attorney's firm. However, it is incumbent upon the judge in those circumstances to disclose this fact on the record and, unless the parties and counsel agree, disqualify himself from further participation.

[ See also LE Op. 676]