

Committee Opinion
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LEGAL ETHICS OPINION 758

CONFLICT OF INTEREST –
COLLECTIONS – FORMER CLIENTS –
CHANGE IN FIRM MEMBERSHIP.

An attorney represented a client against which a judgment was obtained. Thereafter the attorney joined a law firm which now seeks to enforce the judgment it obtained. Since the first attorney is disqualified from representation in efforts to collect the judgment against his former clients, the entire firm is similarly disqualified absent full disclosure to and consent by the former clients. The current collections effort is both substantially related to the past representation and materially adverse to the former clients. [See LE Op. 622, DR:5-105(D) and (E)]

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