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LEGAL ETHICS OPINION 780

CONFLICT OF INTEREST-
COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEY.

An attorney practices before juvenile and domestic relations, district and circuit criminal courts. The attorney's spouse prosecutes welfare fraud cases in the same district and circuit criminal courts. Under the circumstances, it is not improper for the attorney to defend criminal cases, generally, so long as the attorney does not defend welfare fraud cases prosecuted by the spouse. [LE Op. 190]

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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.