

Committee Opinion  
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LEGAL ETHICS OPINION 970

FEES – COMPENSATING LAWYER  
WHO HAS SURRENDERED HIS  
LICENSE LAW FIRM: STATIONERY.

It is improper for a law firm to compensate a lawyer who has surrendered his license for work performed on files by the lawyer prior to surrender of his license.  
[DR:3-102(A); LE Op. 809]

It is not improper for a law firm to place the name and title of the office's chief investigator on the law firm stationery as long as an affirmative statement is added which makes it clear that the investigator is not licensed to practice law.  
[DR:2-101(A); LE Op. 809 and L E Op. 767]

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**Editor's Note.** – To the extent that L E Op. No. 970 is inconsistent with L E Op. No. 1218, it is overruled since L E Op. No. 1218 provides that compensation to a suspended or disbarred attorney for work performed prior to suspension or disbarment is not improper provided that such payment would not permit the suspended or disbarred lawyer to profit from his own wrongdoing.

L E Op. No. 1218, dated May 8, 1989, provides that to the extent that the opinion overrules L E Op. No. 970, that opinion is so overruled.