

Committee Opinion
September 30, 1987

LEGAL ETHICS OPINION 972

LAW FIRM – UNPAID FEES.

A law firm filed a motion for judgment against "X" in order to collect fees owed the firm. Within six days of service and six days prior to the date of hearing, "X" paid the entire amount due, plus court costs. On the return date of the motion for judgment, the claim was reduced to judgment.

The committee opined that if the firm was aware at the time judgment was made that the client had paid the monies owed, and did not advise the tribunal of such, a violation of DR:7-102(A) (5), DR:7-105(C) (6) and DR:1-102(A)(1) may have occurred.

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