

LEGAL ETHICS OPINION REQUEST FORM
VIRGINIA STATE BAR STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL ETHICS

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1. Name: _____

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2. Pursuant to Part Six: Section IV: Paragraph 10-2(A) of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Virginia, an advisory legal ethics opinion may be requested by any member of the Virginia State Bar concerning contemplated or actual professional conduct which may be violative of the Virginia Rules of Professional Conduct. Please indicate the nature of your inquiry.

3. The Rules of Court require that requests for advisory opinions shall state in detail all operative facts, in the hypothetical, upon which the request is based. Please provide a brief and concise statement of the facts with no identifying information as to persons or entities involved.

Additional narrative and exhibits may be attached if necessary. If a request for an opinion regards the propriety of lawyer advertising or solicitation, a copy of the specific advertisement or solicitation in question may be included.

4. State specific issue(s)/question(s) regarding ethical conduct you wish answered by the Committee.

5. I certify that I have researched the Virginia State Bar's Rules of Professional Conduct, prior Legal Ethics Opinions and appropriate case law and believe the following to be relevant:

Rules: _____

Comments: _____

Prior LEOs: _____

Case Law: _____

6. Why do you believe the proposed conduct would or would not violate the Rules of Professional Conduct?

7. Please note that in accordance with Part Six: Section IV: Paragraph 10-2(A) of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Virginia, the Committee may in its discretion decline to render an opinion regarding any matter which is currently the subject of any disciplinary proceeding or litigation. Please indicate if the inquiry concerns:

Pending Litigation

Civil

Criminal

Pending Disciplinary Proceeding

8. _____ 9. _____

Signature

Date