
8/77 B Conflict of interest: School district

The same reasoning as above (see opinion 8/77A) would apply to whether a firm could ethically have one partner performing legal service for a joint city-township school district and another partner representing a school teacher in a grievance matter against the district. Even if the first attorney does not represent the district in the grievance matter, if s/he is on a general retainer s/he has a continuing allegiance and responsibility to the district and the firm should not represent a teacher against the district. If the attorney merely does occasional work for the district on a case-by-case basis, representation of a teacher against it may be proper provided all parties consent after being fully informed and provided there is not actual conflict.