Conflict of interest: Attorney joins other firm

When an attorney moves from a firm representing one side of a claim to a firm representing the other side, whether either firm must withdraw depends upon the extent of the moving attorney’s involvement. If s/he was involved in the claim or litigation before the move, the second firm could not continue to represent the other side after the attorney moved there. If s/he was insulated from the claim while with the first firm and does not become involved in the matter as a member of the second firm, both firms may continue their representation if both clients are fully advised of the situation and consent after being so informed.