Conflict in accident case

It is improper for an attorney-partner or associate of a lawyer who is a member of a local school board to represent minor passengers injured while riding a school bus, even though it is contemplated that such resulting legal claim shall be made against the liability insurer for the contracting school bus company, and not against the school board or district. The committee cited ABA Informal Ethics Opinion 855, which states that under similar circumstances, an attorney-partner of a school board member should avoid this likely conflict of interest matter. (2/15/67)