2/74 Part-time corporation counsel in private representation

The Ethics Committee reaffirmed its July 1968 opinion in which it had stated that a part-time county corporation counsel might appear in the defense of persons charged with criminal acts if the county by an ordinance enactment absolves him from the possible prosecution duties which are inferred in sec. 59.07(44), Stats., and thus sufficiently insulate the corporation counsel from a conflict of interest situation. The committee believes that if a part-time county corporation counsel may properly defend a private client in a criminal case that his partners and associates may likewise furnish such representation. (2/12/74)