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RETENTION OF FILES.

Where a firm's associate resigns his position to form his own practice and continues to represent a former firm client, it is improper for the firm to withhold the client's files in an attempt to collect a past fee. [See II: DR:2-108(A)(3) and (D).]

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Legal Ethics Committee Notes. – Rule 1.16(e) governs a lawyer's duty to provide files to a former client.