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It is not improper for an attorney to give advice of a general nature or express an opinion on a matter to an individual already represented by an attorney on that same matter. The legal right of such individual to select or discharge counsel makes such general advice "authorized by law." However, it is improper for an attorney to accept employment on that same matter unless the other counsel approves, withdraws, or is discharged. [See II: DR:7-103(A)(1).]

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