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APPEARANCE OF IMPROPRIETY – ATTORNEY'S SPOUSE EMPLOYED AS ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY.

It is not improper for an attorney to accept employment as an assistant county attorney when that attorney's spouse, either individually or through his law firm, conducts significant litigation against the county, so long as the assistant county attorney has no contact with any litigation involving the spouse. [DR:5-101, LE Op. 185.]

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Legal Ethics Committee Notes. – Rule 1.8(i) now allows related lawyers to be directly adverse to one another if the clients consent.