

Committee Opinion
April 10, 1984

LEGAL ETHICS OPINION 559

WITHDRAWAL FROM
REPRESENTATION.

It is not improper for an attorney to withdraw from representation of a personal injury client, prior to the institution of suit, when the attorney has accepted employment with the defendant corporation, so long as the attorney has notified the client by written registered mail of (1) his unavailability as counsel, (2) the applicable statute of limitations, (3) the necessity of his client to seek other legal counsel, and (4) that the attorney will have no further responsibility for the case except to provide to the client or the client's counsel all papers and property to which the client is entitled.

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