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APPEARANCE OF IMPROPRIETY – REPRESENTATION BY FIRM OR SUBSTITUTE JUDGE.

It is not improper for a member of a law firm, other than the lawyer who acted as the substitute judge and heard the traffic case, to undertake the representation of an insured defendant in a civil suit which arose as a result of the traffic accident. [DR:9-101(A), LE Op. 520]

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Legal Ethics Committee Notes. – Rule 1.11 would now allow an "ethics screen" in this circumstance.