LEGAL ETHICS OPINION 860

CONFLICT OF INTEREST - SPOUSE AS OPPOSING COUNSEL.

It is improper for an attorney working for a legal aid organization to represent clients of the legal aid organization in an action against a party represented by the legal aid attorney's spouse. The legal aid attorney's spouse's law firm may represent a client with an adverse interest to the legal aid attorney's client provided there is adequate disclosure and consent. [LE Op. 190]

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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.