

Committee Opinion
October 21, 1969

LEGAL ETHICS OPINION 200

MISREPRESENTATION BY CLIENT –
WITHDRAWAL BY ATTORNEY.

When an attorney defending a fellow attorney against disciplinary charges in court and against unrelated charges before a State Bar District Committee learns that his client has misrepresented material facts to the Committee through said attorney, it is improper for said attorney to fail to disclose such misrepresentation to the Committee, and it is not improper for said attorney to withdraw from representing his client in court as well as before the Committee with permission of the court. [See II: DR:2-108 and DR:4-101(D) (2).]

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Legal Ethics Committee Notes. – Rule 1.6 (C)(2) details a lawyer’s duties in this situation.