

DIGEST OF ETHICS ADVISORY PANEL
OPINION #88-3, Request #25
ISSUED APRIL 15, 1988

An attorney seeks Panel advice as to whether he may properly sign letters on certain stationery. The stationery he submits includes his name, followed by an asterisk. The attorney is clearly identified as being a member of one particular state bar association only.

Disciplinary Rule 2-102(D) provides that lawyers licensed in different jurisdictions may form and continue a partnership provided the firm's letterhead and other permissible listings "make clear the jurisdictional limitations on those members and associates of the firm not licensed to practice in all listed jurisdictions . . ." Since the stationery clearly indicates that the attorney is a member of one state bar association and not a member of the Rhode Island Bar Association, it is perfectly proper under the Code of Professional Responsibility.

Ethics Advisory Panel advice is protective in nature. There is no requirement that an attorney abide by a Panel opinion, but if he or she does, he or she is fully protected from any charge of impropriety.