

DIGEST OF ETHICS ADVISORY PANEL
Opinion #88-33, Request #43
Issued January 12, 1989

An attorney seeks Panel advice as to whether it is permissible for him to purchase corporate surety bonds for his clients through a relative of his who is in the insurance business. The attorney advises the Panel that he would not receive any compensation for ordering bonds through his relative's agency.

In formulating this response, the Panel assumes that the attorney's clients are not placed at any disadvantage when he purchases corporate surety bonds through his relative's agency. In light of this assumption, the Panel takes the position that such bond purchases are perfectly proper.

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.