

DIGEST OF ETHICS ADVISORY PANEL
OPINION #91-3, REQUEST #138
Issued February 20, 1991

An attorney seeks Panel advice concerning an interpretation of a provision of the Rhode Island Supreme Court Law Clerk Pool Manual.

Rule 2 of the Rules of the Rhode Island Supreme Court Ethics Advisory Panel, entitled "Jurisdiction", states:

The Panel shall accept requests from any member of the Rhode Island Bar in good standing concerning his or her prospective conduct as an attorney under the Rules of Professional Conduct as set forth in Supreme Court Rule 47. The Panel may decline to render an advisory opinion if any of the following circumstances exist:

- (c) The request seeks an opinions concerning conduct not governed by the Rhode Island Rules of Professional Conduct.

The Panel declines to render an advisory opinion because the Panel is without authority to furnish a response in this matter.

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.