

Digest of Ethics Advisory Panel
Opinion #91-26, Request #129c.
Issued May 23, 1991

An attorney seeks Panel opinion as to whether the attorney is prohibited by Rhode Island Rule of Professional Conduct 1.8(e) from lending a client in a personal injury action money to assist the client in meeting monthly mortgage obligations.

The Panel takes the position that Rule 1.8(e) does prevent the attorney from lending the client money to assist the client in meeting monthly mortgage obligations.

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.