

Digest of Ethics Advisory Panel
Opinion #91-70, Request #179
Issued October 30, 1991

An attorney seeks Panel advice concerning a past position as a Superior Court Law Clerk and its effect on present employment.

The Panel is of the opinion that under Rule 1.12(a) of the Rhode Island Rules of Professional Conduct, the attorney should not represent any party in a matter which was pending before the judge for whom the attorney was a law clerk since the attorney often discussed these matters with the judge, and therefore the appearance of impropriety would exist. The Panel further states that representation would be possible if consent of all parties is obtained.