

Digest of Ethics Advisory Panel
Opinion #91-73, Request #193
Issued October 30, 1991

An attorney seeks Panel guidance as to proper conduct in connection with a merger between two law firms.

The Panel takes the position that it is proper procedure for the attorneys in one firm to service the clients in the other firm prior to the effective date of the merger, with the clients' knowledge and consent. The Panel also believes that correspondence and billing to the clients of the old firms should be billed by the old firms as long as the firms continue in existence.