

Digest of Ethics Advisory Panel
Opinion #91-78, Request #203
Issued December 4, 1991

An attorney seeks Panel advice as to the propriety of being paid on a contingency fee basis in connection with collection of child support arrearages.

The Panel is of the opinion that it is proper to use a contingent fee arrangement in regard to collection of established child support arrearages due but this type of arrangement would be improper when seeking to obtain increased child support. See Rule 1.5(d)(1) of the Rhode Island Rules of Professional Conduct.