

Digest of Ethics Advisory Panel  
Opinion #91-79, Request #204  
Issued December 4, 1991

An attorney seeks Panel advice as to the propriety of continuing representation of parties in claims against a city, after having represented the City Council in negotiations with the Mayor.

The Panel is of the opinion that since the City Council is integrally involved in matters concerning the City, the attorney should obtain the consent of all involved parties before continuing representation of clients against the city, even where the representation involves unrelated matters. The Panel further believes that the appearance of impropriety would exist if the attorney continued representing these clients without first obtaining consent of the parties. See RULE 1.7 of the Rhode Island Rules of Professional Conduct.