

Digest of Ethics Advisory Panel  
Opinion #91-80, Request #206  
Issued December 4, 1991

An attorney seeks Panel advice as to whether or not an attorney still represents a client after a judgment was entered and the client exercised the right to appeal, pro se.

The Panel is of the opinion that the attorney no longer has an obligation to this client. According to the comments to Rule 1.16 of the Rhode Island Rules of Professional Conduct, the attorney should take all reasonable steps to mitigate any consequences of termination of representation to the client, including notifying the client of the termination of representation and forwarding all correspondence and documents received from opposing counsel during the transition period.