

DIGEST OF ETHICS ADVISORY PANEL  
Opinion #92-13, Request #222  
Issued January 14, 1992

An attorney seeks Panel advice as to whether the attorney, while suspended from the practice of law, may serve as an arbitrator under the Superior Court Arbitration Rules.

The Panel is of the opinion that as a suspended attorney, the attorney does not qualify to be selected as an arbitrator. The Panel bases its decision on Superior Court Arbitration Rule 2(b), which states in part, "an arbitrator shall have been a member of the Rhode Island Bar in good standing for at least ten years."