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ETHICS ADVISORY PANEL  
Opinion 92-54, Request #277  
Issued July 23, 1992

An attorney seeks Panel advice regarding the payment of legal fees to another attorney who practices for a professional corporation before the other attorney was suspended from the practice of law. The attorney asks whether the prior attorney or the professional corporation is entitled to a fee for work performed on the case and whether the attorney may contact the prior attorney to discuss a fee division.

The Panel agrees that the suspended attorney may be paid fees for services provided based on quantum meruit; the fair value of services rendered before suspension. See, Ethics Advisory opinions 91-71 and 92.3. The Panel is of the opinion that the attorney can pay the fee to either the suspended attorney or the corporation and the attorney may contact the suspended attorney to discuss this matter.