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ETHICS ADVISORY PANEL  
OPINION #93-51, REQUEST #387  
Issued July 28, 1993

The attorney represented Client X before a licensing board while the client was employed by Company Y. Company Y, subsequent to the hearing on Client X was also summoned to appear before this same licensing board. Client X consented to the attorney's representation of Company Y. The attorney asks whether there is a conflict with his/her representation of Company Y.

Rule 1.7 entitled "Conflict of Interest: General Rule" states that:

(a) A lawyer shall not represent a client if the representation of that client will be directly adverse to another client, unless:

(1) the lawyer reasonably believes the representation will not adversely affect the relationship with the other client; and

(2) each client consents after consultation.

Based upon the facts presented, the attorney may represent Company Y before the licensing board if the attorney reasonably believes the representation will not adversely affect Client X and each client consents after consultation.