

ETHICS ADVISORY PANEL
Opinion #93-38, Request #372
Issued June 2, 1993

An attorney would like to place a notice in the newspaper for the purpose of gathering information from the general public regarding a notorious case. The attorney informs the Panel that the notice is not meant to be an advertisement and not intended to solicit business or clients.

The Panel believes that the notice is in fact not an advertisement because the attorney does not intend to solicit business therefrom. If the intent was to solicit business, then the attorney would have to comply with the advertising rules set forth in the Rhode Island Rules of Professional Conduct. (Rules 7.1 - 7.5)