

ETHICS ADVISORY PANEL  
OPINION #94-14 REQUEST #467  
Issued March 23, 1994

The inquiring attorney represented a guardianship estate in probate court. The attorney prepared the fiduciary accountings as well as other related documents. The attorney has recently acquired information which maybe potentially detrimental to the ward in the guardianship estate. One co-guardian informed the attorney that monies belonging to the guardianship estate were taken by a co-guardian leaving no funds in the estate. The attorney asks whether he/she has an obligation to report this matter and whether the guardianship estate is the attorney's client.

The Panel refers the inquiring attorney to Rhode Island Supreme Court Ethics Advisory Panel Opinion #92-23, issued May 20, 1992. The Panel opines that #92-23 answers the attorney's questions and concerns regarding disclosure and representation of a fiduciary.