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POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Because of a potential conflict of interest in a suit for damages, an attorney should not represent the former wife of a deceased party, who is the mother of minor children of the deceased and who has not re-married while at the same time representing the deceased's widow.

Canon 6.

QUESTION

Would it violate the Canons of Ethics for an attorney to represent the widow of a deceased relative in a civil suit for damages and also represent a former wife of the deceased party who had not remarried and who is the mother of two minor children of the deceased?

OPINION

The committee is of the opinion that, since a potential conflict exists between the rights of the widow and those of minor children, it would violate Canon No. 6 for one attorney to represent all the parties. (8-1)