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An attorney who has received only one degree in law may not display certificates of his LLB degree and his Juris Doctor degree, and may not list both degrees when summarizing his academic background.

Canon 24

QUESTIONS

1. Is it a violation for an attorney to display certificates of his LLB degree and his Juris Doctor degree when he has earned only one degree in law ?
2. Is it a violation of the Canons of Ethics for such attorney to list both his LLB degree and his Juris Doctor degree when summarizing his academic background?

OPINION

Both questions must be answered in the affirmative. When an attorney has earned only one degree but displays in his office two degrees or lists two degrees in summarizing his academic background, he is guilty of self-laudation in violation of Texas Canon 24. Further, such conduct is misleading since it would indicate that the attorney has in fact earned two degrees in law, when in fact he has only earned one degree. (9-0)