

**NEW YORK STATE BAR ASSOCIATION**  
**Professional Ethics Committee Opinion**

OPINION

Provided the search organization employee does not engage in the practice of law to any extent whatsoever, it is not improper for him to use on his business card his earned degree or degrees or title derived therefrom indicating his training in the law. DR 2-102(F). If he were to practice law to any extent, his business card could not identify himself as a lawyer. DR 2-102(E).

It is recommended that his card also indicate his position with the search organization so as to negate any possible interpretation that he is a practicing attorney or general counsel to his employer.

Opinion #171 - 11/6/70 (52-70)      Topic: Conflict of Interest;  
Part-time District Attorney.

Digest: Not proper for a part-time district attorney to represent an infant in a juvenile delinquency proceeding.

Code\*: Canon 9  
EC 9-2  
DR 9-101

QUESTION

May a part-time district attorney who is a partner in a law firm or his partners, represent an infant defendant accused of juvenile delinquency in the Family Court?

OPINION

It is the opinion of the Committee that it would be improper for the part-time district attorney or his partners to represent the infant in a juvenile delinquency proceeding in the Family Court. The juvenile delinquency proceeding in the Family Court is a criminal proceeding. Since the part-time district attorney in fact is the representative of the people on many occasions, his representation of the defendant would give the appearance of impropriety in violation of Canon 9. See also EC 9-2; DR 9-101; Drinker, "Legal Ethics" p. 118 (1953); ABA Inf. 922 (1966); and N.Y. State 130 (1970).

Opinion #172 - 11/6/70 (54-70)      Topic: Non-profit Association;  
Group Legal Services.

Modified by 416

Digest: Lawyer may not cooperate with religious association plan to furnish members legal services with respect to matters that are not reasonably related to the members' relationship with the religious organization.