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**6. CHAPTER 14, RULES 4 & 9: WHETHER PROPER FOR A SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP TO USE FIRM DESIGNATION THAT MAY GIVE WRONG IMPRESSION ABOUT FIRM SIZE**

The Committee considered the propriety of the use of various names of firms by firms having only one lawyer. It was the Committee's view that the following names would be improper, since they suggest that more than a single lawyer comprises the firm:

- Smith & Company, Barristers & Solicitors
- Smith, Jones and Black, Barristers & Solicitors
- Smith and Partners
- Smith and Associates

The Committee considered that use of the following names would not be improper when the firm is comprised only of one lawyer:

- Smith and Company, with Bill Smith shown with the words "Barrister & Solicitor"
- Smith, Jones and Black, with Bill Smith shown with the words "Barrister & Solicitor"
- Smith Law Group