

Professional Standards Committee
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COMMITTEE: Professional Standards

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5. Professional Conduct handbook, chapter 6, Ruling 7 (acting against a former client)

The Committee considered a lawyer's request for its opinion as to whether he is in a disqualifying conflict of interest. The lawyer represents Mr. T in divorce proceedings. Another member acts for T's wife. Approximately ten years ago, the lawyer acted for T's wife in her divorce from her first husband. T's wife objects to the lawyer representing T in light of his previous retainer on her behalf. All parties wish to have this issue resolved by this Committee instead of by the courts.

It was agreed that the lawyer is in a disqualifying conflict of interest by virtue of Chapter 6, Ruling 7 of the Professional Conduct Handbook.