

MINUTES

COMMITTEE: Ethics Committee

DATE: September 4, 1997

7. CHAPTER 7, RULE 1 AND CHAPTER 9, RULE 8: WHETHER LAWYER CAN ACCEPT REFERRAL FEE FROM REALTOR AND ACT FOR CLIENT REFERRED BY THE REALTOR

A lawyer asked whether it is proper to accept a referral fee from a realtor for referring a client to the realtor where the lawyer acts for the client in respect of the matter referred.

The Committee was of the view that taking a referral fee in these circumstances would give the lawyer an interest in a matter contrary to Chapter 7, Rule 1 of the *Professional Conduct Handbook*.

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