

## MINUTES

**COMMITTEE:** Ethics Committee

**DATE:** October 3, 1996

**9. CHAPTER 8, RULE 1: PROPRIETY OF CIVIL CLAIM FOR RESTITUTION IN SHOPLIFTING MATTERS**

A lawyer who is not directly involved in the issue raised a question about the propriety of lawyers acting for clients who are claiming civil damages against shoplifters or the shoplifter's parents.

The Committee was not prepared to take a position on this issue but noted that it would be improper for a lawyer to threaten to bring civil proceedings if the lawyer was unable to make an argument in good faith that the client's claim would be compensable by a court.

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