

MINUTES

COMMITTEE: Ethics Committee

DATE: December 2, 1999

**9. APPENDIX 1: WHETHER PROPER FOR LAWYER TO SWEAR AFFIDAVIT
WITH BLANK BIRTH REGISTRATION NUMBER**

A Lawyer asked whether it is proper for her to swear an affidavit for a client in an adoption matter where the birth registration number in the style of cause is not yet known. The birth registration number would be placed in the style of cause in a blank left for that purpose after the number is known and after the affidavit is sworn.

It was the Committee's view that the style of cause in an affidavit does not form part of the statements to which a deponent attests. For that reason, it was the Committee's opinion that it is not improper for a lawyer to take the deponent's affidavit in these circumstances.

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