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CONTINGENCY FEE – DOMESTIC
RELATIONS.

It is ethically improper for an attorney to enter into an employment agreement with his client where the attorney's legal fee would be based upon a percentage of the court-awarded sum awarded to the client as a lump sum property settlement.
[See II: DR:2-105(D) and EC:2-22.]

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Legal Ethics Committee Notes. – Rule 1.5(d)(1) and Comment [3a] codify the circumstances in which lawyers may handle family law matters on a contingent fee basis.