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LEGAL ETHICS OPINION 677

CONFLICT OF INTEREST –SHARING
OFFICE SPACE WHILE REPRESENTING
OPPOSITE SIDES IN A DIVORCE CASE.

Attorney A previously represented both husband and wife in drafting a property settlement agreement which the husband and wife executed. Attorney A rendered legal advice to both husband and wife regarding the property settlement agreement. It would now be improper for attorney A to represent the wife in litigation for divorce in which the validity of the property settlement is an issue.

Since attorney A and attorney B share office space and secretarial help, it would also be improper for attorney B to represent the husband in the same divorce matter. [DR:4-101, DR:5-105, LE Op. 413]

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