

Committee Opinion
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LEGAL ETHICS OPINION 778

DOMESTIC RELATIONS-CONTINGENT
FEE-CHILD SUPPORT ARREARAGE
COLLECTION.

It is improper for an attorney to accept a child support arrearage collection case on a contingent fee basis when the child is age nine, the child has visited with the noncustodial parent within the recent past (1984), and the custodial parent apparently is not indigent. [LE Op. 667]

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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.