

Ethics Opinion

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QUESTION PRESENTED: May a public attorney's name be used on a letterhead or partnership name when the public attorney used to work for the partnership prior to public appointment?

ANSWER: No.

ANALYSIS: Model Rule 7.5(c) provides:

The name of a lawyer holding a public office shall not be used in the name of a law firm, or in communications on its behalf, during any substantial period in which the lawyer is not actively and regularly practicing with the firm. Therefore, the public attorney's name may not be included with the partnership's name or letterhead.

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