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Re: Ethics Committee Opinion

Dear [REDACTED]

This is in response to your letter of October 7, 1987, which was discussed at the Ethics Committee meeting on October 22nd.

We believe you should seek an opinion from the Judicial Ethical Advisory Service in regard to your question. Your question does raise concerns in this Committee, under Rule 1.7 of the Model Code of Professional Responsibility. We also would suggest that you refer to the proposed Disciplinary Policy of Judicial Referees which indicates that a Judicial Referee is an employee of the judge. We are concerned about the potential conflict of interest of a person who acts as a District Court Referee handling matters in front of the same judge to which he is responsible in his Referee capacity.

Sincerely,

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