

**THE MISSISSIPPI BAR
ETHICS COMMITTEE**
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Special Notice

The Bar's By-Laws prohibit the rendering of opinions in the following situations:

1. Where questions of law are involved;
2. When the ethics or conduct of a lawyer in a matter in which such conduct is involved in pending litigation, which may determine or substantially affect the determination of the ethical question involved; or,
3. Where past conduct is involved.

In addition, §73-3-143 (2), Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated and Amended, provides that an advisory opinion can be rendered concerning the validity or propriety of any proposed act or course of conduct.

In considering a request before it, the Committee may determine the ethics opinion would be beneficial to the Bar as a whole and ask the Board of Bar Commissioners to issue a Formal Interpretive Opinion. All Formal Interpretive Opinions (F.I.O.) must be approved and adopted by the Board of Bar Commissioners of The Mississippi Bar. As a result, it may take longer than 90 days to issue a Formal Interpretative Opinion.

The Committee may also choose to issue an Informal Advisory Opinion unique to the question posed. Informal Advisory Opinions remain unpublished.

Please note that in accordance with the Rules of the Ethics Committee, the Committee may in its discretion decline to render an opinion regarding any matter which is currently the subject of any litigation, civil or criminal or a disciplinary proceeding.

REQUEST FOR ETHICS OPINION
(Please Complete This Form)

1. Name: _____
Firm: _____
Address: _____
Tel: (____) _____

Mississippi Bar Membership No. _____

2. Pursuant to §73-3-143, Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated and Amended, an advisory ethics opinion may be requested by any member of The Mississippi Bar concerning contemplated professional conduct which may be violative of the Mississippi Rules of Professional Conduct. Please indicate the nature of your inquiry.

3. The Rules of the Ethics Committee require that requests for advisory opinions shall state in detail all operative facts, in the hypothetical, upon which the request is based. Please provide a brief and concise statement of the facts with no identifying information as to persons or entities involved.

Additional narrative and exhibits should be attached if necessary or helpful to the Committee in its preparation of the requested ethics opinion.

4. State specific issue(s) question(s) regarding ethical conduct you wish answered by the Committee.

5. I certify that I have reviewed and researched the Mississippi Rules of Professional Conduct, prior Ethics Opinions and appropriate case law and believe the following to be relevant:

6. Do you believe the proposed conduct would violate any of the Mississippi Rules of Professional Conduct? Why or Why not?

By signing below:

I hereby certify, on my oath as an attorney at law, that this request does not involve a question of law.

I hereby certify, on my oath as an attorney, that this request does not request an opinion involving the ethics or conduct of a lawyer involving a matter that is currently the subject of pending litigation which may determine or substantially affect the determination of the ethical question involved.

I hereby certify, on my oath as an attorney at law, that this request does not involve past conduct.

I hereby certify, on my oath as an attorney at law, that the information provided herein is true and correct.

Signature

Date