

## “Of Counsel” Resources

### **Applicable D.C. Rules of Professional Conduct:**

[Rule 1.7: Conflict of Interest: General Rule](#)

[Rule 1.9: Conflict of Interest: Former Client](#)

[Rule 1.10: Conflict of Interest: Imputed Disqualification: General Rule](#)

[Rule 7.1: Communications Concerning a Lawyer’s Services](#)

[Rule 7.5 Firm Names and Letterheads](#)

### **D.C. Legal Ethics Opinions (LEO):\***

[LEO 338](#) : Whether A Law Firm May Retain the Name of a Partner Who Becomes Both “Of Counsel” to that Law Firm and a Partner in a Different Law Firm Also Bearing His Name

[LEO 255](#): Use of Former Firm Lawyer on a Contract Basis

[LEO 247](#): Whether Settlement Lawyer Selected by Real Estate Purchaser Has a Sufficient Lawyer-Client Relationship with Seller to Warrant Disqualification; Conflict of Interest if Adverse Party Formerly Was Represented by a Firm to Whom Lawyer Is “Of Counsel”

[LEO 224](#): Misleading Firm Name

LEO 151: Not available in electronic format

### **Other D.C. Resources:**

[Speaking of Ethics: Of Counsel](#): by Hope Todd, Washington Lawyer, January 2012

*\*There may be other rules and legal ethics opinions applicable to your “of counsel” relationship. The opinions provided herein will give you a sense of other possible issues that may arise. If you have specific ethics questions, you may contact our ethics hotline at 202-737-4700 ext. 3231, 3232 or 3198.*

### **More Resources:**

[Understanding the Risk in Of Counsel Relationships](#), Alps Blog, Mark Bassingthwaighe, December 21, 2013

[Adding an Of Counsel to Your Practice](#), Solo Practice University Blog, Rachel Rodgers, October 6, 2011



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[Compensation for the Attorney "Of Counsel" to Your Law Firm](#), FindLaw, March 26, 2008

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