

NYSBA Issues Ethics Opinions

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The NYSBA's Committee on Professional Ethics has issued three new Ethics Opinions, summarized as follows:

Opinion 700: Lawyer receiving unsolicited communication from former employee of adversary law firm about alteration of documents may not communicate further with employee and should seek judicial guidance on use of the communication.

Opinion 701: Co-counsel of part-time judge in civil cases can appear before another judge of same court if it is not prohibited by law and if there is no appearance of impropriety.

Opinion 702: Prohibition against practice of criminal law by a lawyer-legislator not cured by abstention on votes affecting DA's budget and public disclosure of intention to abstain.