Applicable D.C. Rules of Professional Conduct:*

- **Rule 1.2** Scope of Representation
- **Rule 1.4:** Communication
- **Rule 1.5(e):** Division of Fees
- **Rule 1.6:** Confidentiality of Information
- **Rule 1.7(b)(4):** Conflicts Created by Lawyer’s Own Interests
- **Rule 1.9:** Duties to Former Clients
- **Rule 1.10:** Imputed Disqualification
- **Rule 1.15:** Communication
- **Rule 1.15:** Division of Fees
- **Rule 1.16:** Confidentiality of Information
- **Rule 1.17:** Conflicts Created by Lawyer’s Own Interests
- **Rule 1.19:** Duties to Former Clients
- **Rule 1.20:** Imputed Disqualification
- **Rule 5.6(a):** Restrictions on Right to Practice
- **Rule 5.1:** Responsibilities of a Partners, Managers, and Supervisory Lawyers
- **Rule 7.1(a):** Communications Regarding a Lawyer’s Services
- **Rule 7.5:** Firm Names and Letterheads
- **Rule 4.4:** Respect for Rights of Third Persons

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

- **LEO 352:** Professional Responsibility Duties for Temporary Contract Lawyers and the Firms that Hire Them
- **LEO 291:** Contracts with Temporary Lawyers: Restrictions on Subsequent Employment
- **LEO 284:** Advising and Billing Clients for Temporary Lawyers
- **LEO 255:** Use of Former Firm Lawyer on a Contract Basis

Other D.C. Resources:

- **Elements of Engagement Agreements and Letters**
- **Finding Contract/Freelance Attorneys:****
  
  - [http://montagelegal.com/](http://montagelegal.com/)
  - [https://www.upcounsel.com/](https://www.upcounsel.com/)
  - [https://www.lawclerk.legal/](https://www.lawclerk.legal/)

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Additional Resources:**

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Smart Growth: Tapping into the Freelance Lawyer Ecosystem, Attorney at Work, Dan Lear, November 8, 2018

Eight Reasons Why a Solo Lawyer or Small Firm Should Outsource Appellate Briefing to a Freelance Appellate Specialist, Briefly Writing, Mike Skotnicki, Posted on May 11, 2012


Freelance Law: Lawyers’ Network Helps These Women Keep a Hand in the Workforce, ABA Journal, by G.M. Filisko, August 1, 2011 (copy available in the PMAS lending library)

*There may be other rules and legal ethics opinions applicable to specific contract/freelance attorney issues. The rules and opinions provided above are not necessarily all inclusive and but only some that may apply to contract/freelance attorney issues. If you have specific ethics questions, contact our ethics hotline at 202-737-4700 ext. 1010.

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