

NEW YORK STATE BAR ASSOCIATION
Professional Ethics Committee Opinion

Opinion #23 - 2/9/66 (11-65)

Topic: Conflict of Interest.
Part-Time Public Employee.

Digest: Improper for same individual to
serve as both Village Attorney
and Public Defender.

Canon: None

QUESTION

Is it possible for the same person to be Village Attorney
and Public Defender in a Village which maintains a Police
Justice Court and where the Public Defender will be function-
ing in the course of his duties?

OPINION

It would not be proper for the same individual to serve
both as Village Attorney and as Public Defender if his
employment includes the duty of prosecuting.

Opinion #24 - 2/9/66 (13-65)

Topic: Patent Specialization.
Title in Signature.

Digest: No impropriety in corporate patent
attorney indicating his speciality
as a title after his signature.

Canon: Former Canon 27

QUESTION

The Associate Director of the Patent Department of a large inter-
national manufacturing corporation requests the opinion of the Committee
on Professional Ethics as to (a) the use of the following Titles after
the signatures of members of the Department in correspondence:

Patent Attorney

Supervising Patent Attorney

Senior Patent Attorney

Senior Trademark Attorney

and (b) whether opinions should be obtained from any other bar associa-
tion or associations.