

ADVISORY ETHICS OPINION 88-10

SYNOPSIS:

An attorney may indicate that he or she is licensed in other professions on letterheads, business cards and advertising.

FACTS:

Attorney A is a lawyer, a Certified Public Accountant, a Certified Financial Planner, and a Professional Engineer. He would like to list all these professional qualifications on his letterhead, business cards and advertising.

DISCUSSION:

In Opinion 83-2, this Committee held that conduct identical to Attorney A's violated our Code of Professional Responsibility. DR 2-102(E) specifically forbade an attorney from listing other professional qualifications in connection with his or her practice of law.

Since Opinion 83-2, however, the Vermont Supreme Court has deleted DR 2-102(E) from the Code of Professional Responsibility. Thus, the Code no longer contains a *per se* ban on Attorney A's contemplated conduct. The only remaining issue is whether the listing of other professional qualifications is "false or misleading" under DR 2-101. Assuming that Attorney A is in fact qualified in these other professions, we do not see any violation of DR 2-101; accordingly, the contemplated conduct is in accord with the Code.