

Conflict of Interest in Automobile Negligence Cases

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The Supreme Court is of the view that where an attorney represents a driver and passenger in an action against the driver of another vehicle, if such other driver subsequently makes a claim against the first driver the attorney cannot continue in the case either as attorney for the driver or attorney for the passenger. The Court would appreciate it if you would see that this matter is called to the attention of the judges in your county.

EDITOR'S NOTE

This portion of the directive has been severed from the remaining sections dealing with Grand and Petit Jury Oaths. Both matters were considered by the Supreme Court at its Administrative Conference on December 12, 1967 and previously by the Assignment Judges at their meeting on December 8, 1967. The views of the Court on both issues were distributed as one directive, dated December 13, 1967. The Grand and Petit Jury portions are included in the Vicinage Operations section.

The only changes made to the text of the attorney conflict portion is the deletion of the paragraph numeral and the deletion of the proposed *Law Journal* notice.