E-75-5 Gifts: Offer to match client's gift to educational institution

The opinion of the Ethics Committee was requested on the propriety of a law firm making an offer by letter to certain of its clients to match the gift of the clients, with limitation, to an educational institution.

It appears to the committee that the proposed action violates no Canon of the Code of Professional Responsibility nor any Ethical Consideration or Disciplinary Rule thereof. The committee notes that there is not intent to advertise the fact in any of the media of public communication. The proposal will be made privately in a letter to a client. Limited to these terms, it is the committee's opinion that the proposed action does not violate the Code of Professional Responsibility.