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**1/78 A      Conflict of interest: Attorney joins  
                 other firm**

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When an attorney moves from a firm representing one side of a claim to a firm representing the other side, whether either firm must withdraw depends upon the extent of the moving attorney's involvement. If s/he was involved in the claim or litigation before the move, the second firm could not continue to represent the other side after the attorney moved there. If s/he was insulated from the claim while with the first firm and does not become involved in the matter as a member of the second firm, both firms may continue their representation if both clients are fully advised of the situation and consent after being so informed.