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Question: May an elected county attorney represent an employer in connection with a labor dispute?

Answer: Yes.

OPINION

Inasmuch as the Commonwealth of Kentucky does not prohibit the civil practice of law unrelated to the criminal practice by county attorneys, there is no inhibition, ethical or otherwise, against the county attorney representing any party to civil litigation unconnected with criminal litigation, be it the representation of a labor union or an employer.

Note to Reader

This ethics opinion has been formally adopted by the Board of Governors of the Kentucky Bar Association under the provisions of Kentucky Supreme Court Rule 3.530 (or its predecessor rule). The Rule provides that formal opinions are advisory only.