

Lawyers in Love

- 1) Bill and Connie are married. They are partners in law firms, Bill in a Springdale firm, Connie in a Fayetteville firm. What are the implications of their marriage for the practice of law. See Rule 1.8(l).
 - A) Can their firms (through other attorneys) oppose each other?
 - B) Can Bill oppose Connie's firm?
 - C) Can Bill oppose Connie?
- 2) How do your answers change if they are not married, but engaged? Dating? Co-habiting? See State of California v. Jackson, page 271 of Morgan.
- 3) How do your answers change if they are brother and sister? Father and daughter? See "Class Action".
- 4) What are the concerns (legal, ethical, emotional, contractual) about the following romantic relationships within a law firm?
 - A) Partner and associate.
 - B) Associate and associate.
 - C) Lawyer and non-lawyer employee.
- 5) Suppose there is a sexual relationship between the attorney and his client? See movies such as "Jagged Edge" and "Body Heat." See Rule 1.8(j); Comments 17-20. What are possible distinctions? Limitations? See pages 225-228 of Morgan; page 115 of Brill.
- 6) Suppose there is a sexual relationship between the attorney and the spouse of his client? See page 115 of Brill.