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 266 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 222-225 of Morgan; page 109 of Brill.

6) Suppose there is a sexual relationship between the attorney and the spouse of his client? See page 109 of Brill.

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