

Nebraska Ethics Advisory Opinion for Lawyers
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AN ATTORNEY IS PROHIBITED FROM COMMUNICATING INFORMATION TO THE SOCIETY EDITOR OF THE LOCAL NEWSPAPER WHEN HE ATTENDS CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION SEMINARS.

FACTS AND QUESTIONS

An attorney frequently attends continuing legal education seminars and he inquires as to whether or not he is prohibited from communicating information of such trips to the writer of society column of the local newspaper.

DISCUSSION

Disciplinary Rule 2-101(A) provides:

"A lawyer shall not, on behalf of himself, his partner, associate, or any other lawyer affiliated with him or his firm, use or participate in the use of any form of public communication containing a false, fraudulent, misleading, deceptive, self-laudatory, or unfair statement or claim."
(Emphasis added)

CONCLUSION

It would appear that the only purpose of supplying such information to the society editor of the local newspaper would be using a form of public communication for self-laudatory purposes. It is, therefore, prohibited.