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- 71-3 . . .Propriety Of Firm Names Including Lawyers Not Admitted In Alaska.
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- 72-2 . . .Communication Upon Subject In Controversy With Opposing Party When Representation By Counsel In Question.
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- 73-1 . . .Use Of Legal Assistants. (Adopted 10/6/73)
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- 74-2 . . .Propriety Of "Referral Fees." (Adopted 5/15/74)
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