

KENTUCKY BAR ASSOCIATION
Ethics Opinion KBA E-218
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Question 1: May a law school/alumni association publish a directory which would consist of biographical and other information to be made available to graduates of law school?

Answer 1: Yes.

Question 2: May a lawyer allow his name to be placed in the above directory?

Answer 2: Yes.

References: DR 2-102(A)(6)

OPINION

DR 2-102(A)(6) provides that a listing in a reputable law list by an attorney is allowed. A law list is conclusively established reputable if it is certified by the American Bar Association as being in compliance with its rules and standards.

The Kentucky Bar Association abides by the certification of the American Bar Association that the list is "reputable". Accordingly, final approval must be given by the American Bar Association.

However, it should be noted that Kentucky has not adopted the revisions in the Code of Professional Responsibility of DR 2-102(A)(6). Kentucky abides by the rule as originally adopted by the Court of Appeals of Kentucky on July 2, 1971, and has not changed the Code since.

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). Note that the Rule provides: "Both informal and formal opinions shall be advisory only; however, no attorney shall be disciplined for any professional act on his part performed in compliance with an opinion furnished to him on his petition, provided his petition clearly, fairly, accurately and completely states his contemplated professional act."