

FORMAL OPINION NO. 26\*

The question regards the propriety of an attorney having a shingle displayed at his place of residence.

. . . /I/ It would be improper for an attorney to display the word "Attorney" or the words "Attorney at Law" or "Lawyer" on his mail box at his residence or upon a separate sign or shingle near his home when he has a distinct and separate office where he practices our profession.

The test is whether the sign or shingle is intended and calculated to enable persons looking for a lawyer, already selected, to find him, or whether it is intended to attract the attention of persons who might be looking for a lawyer, although not for him. It is not likely that persons who have already selected an attorney would look for him in a residential area unless, of course, the attorney practices law at his home.

The American Bar Association Committee has ruled on this point by separate and informal opinion (Opinion 133) holding that it is improper for an attorney to have a shingle at his place of residence when he has a distinct office where he practices law.

DATED this 27th day of June, 1960.

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\*This opinion was rendered prior to adoption of the Idaho Code of Professional Responsibility. The conduct discussed in this opinion appears to be permitted under the current Code, rendering this opinion obsolete. See, DR 2-101 and DR 2-102, Idaho Code of Professional Responsibility; I.S.B. Opinion No. 3 (November 6, 1956).