## **State of New Hampshire**

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

CITY OF NASHUA, FIRE AND

RESCUE DEPARTMENT

:

Complainant

v.

CASE NO. F-0105:22

DECISION NO. 97-126

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION

OF FIRE FIGHTERS, LOCAL 789

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Respondent

MOTION TO HOLD IN ABEYANCE

The Board, meeting at its offices in Concord, New Hampshire, on December 18, 1997, took the following actions:

- 1. It reviewed the unfair labor practice (ULP filed by the City on November 5, 1997 and the Union's answer filed on November 20, 1997.
- 2. It convers for purposes of saring the parties' respective positions on the complaint and answer and heard the parties' opening arguments thereon. Thereupon, the PELRB was presented with an issue pertaining to the representation of the Union by Attorney Milner given that his law partner, Attorney Molan is a named member of the PELRB, although he is not sitting or participating in this case in any manner.
- 3. The PELRB then proceeded to review RSA 273-A:2-a and Professional Conduct Rule 1.11 A. It was then moved by Member Hall, seconded by Member Osman and unanimously voted that:

This matter be held in abeyance for two (2) weeks in order to give the parties an opportunity to seek an opinion from the Ethics Committee as to whether representation in this case by Attorney Milner is an impermissible conflict. If no such request for an opinion is filed within that two week period, the parties shall be deemed to have waived their interest in pursuing this issue.

4. The PELRB adopts the foregoing motion for its order in this case. The parties shall keep the PELRB informed of their status in seeking or declining to seek such an opinion.

So ordered.

Signed this 2nd day of January , 1998.

JACK BUCKLEY

Alternate Chairman

By unanimous decision. Alternate Chairman Jack Buckley presiding. Members Seymour Osman and E. Vincent Hall present and voting.