

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO**  
**FEDERAL BAR EXAMINATION**  
**SAMPLE ETHICS QUESTIONS**

Contingent fees are permissible:

- a. Only in civil cases;
- b. In civil and criminal cases, as long a written contract signed by all parties clearly specifies the contingent fee arrangement;
- c. In criminal cases, as long the Court approves the same;
- d. In civil and criminal cases, except for those in an appeal procedure.

Answer: (a)

Source: Rule 1.5(d) of the Model Rules of Professional Conduct: Fees.

A lawyer shall not provide financial assistance to a client in connection with pending litigation, except:

- a. The lawyer may advance court costs in criminal cases only.
- b. In civil cases only, and repayment may be contingent upon the outcome of the matter.
- c. To cover expenses of the litigation.
- d. If agreed by the parties, in writing, and approved by the court.

Answer: (c)

Source: Source: Rule 1.8(e) of the Model Rules of Professional Conduct.