

**§ 1-650. Low-income parties.**

(a) The disqualification under G.S. 1-649(a) applies to a collaborative lawyer representing a party with or without fee.

(b) After a collaborative law process concludes, another lawyer in a law firm with which a collaborative lawyer disqualified under G.S. 1-649(a) is associated may represent a party without fee in the collaborative matter or a matter related to the collaborative matter if all of the following apply:

- (1) The party has an annual income that qualifies the party for free legal representation under the criteria established by the law firm for free legal representation.
- (2) The collaborative law participation agreement so provides.
- (3) The collaborative lawyer is isolated from any participation in the collaborative matter or a matter related to the collaborative matter through procedures within the law firm which are reasonably calculated to isolate the collaborative lawyer from such participation. (2020-65, s. 1.)