

“An Ethical Dilemma”

Sharon was a clerk in the Accounting Department. She and her boss, Jim, started dating. Because he was her supervisor, they agreed that they would not tell anyone. Eventually, the relationship ended. Jim felt uncomfortable working with Sharon so he had her transferred to another department despite her objections. Did Jim do the right thing? Why or why not? Defend your answer.

Answer:

No, Jim did not do the right thing. “Business is business, no hard feelings”, this must be the attitude of Jim when he transferred Sharon in a different department because the reason of transferring Sharon to a different department because Jim feels uncomfortable working with her due to their past relationship not working out is not a valid reason for transferring an employee. Jim must not mix business with his personal life because it is unethical. If Jim has a hard time working with her, instead of transferring Sharon, he must be the one who should have transferred. He must not abuse his authority as a supervisor and use it for his personal agenda. Jim must have already prepared himself way before when he decided to entered a relationship with his employee.