

Purdon's Pennsylvania Statutes and Consolidated Statutes
Rules of Professional Conduct (Refs & Annos)
Client-Lawyer Relationship (Refs & Annos)

Rules of Prof. Conduct, Rule 1.7, 42 Pa.C.S.A.

Rule 1.7. Conflict of Interest: Current Clients

Currentness

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b), a lawyer shall not represent a client if the representation involves a concurrent conflict of interest. A concurrent conflict of interest exists if:

(1) the representation of one client will be directly adverse to another client; or

(2) there is a significant risk that the representation of one or more clients will be materially limited by the lawyer's responsibilities to another client, a former client or a third person or by a personal interest of the lawyer.

(b) Notwithstanding the existence of a concurrent conflict of interest under paragraph (a), a lawyer may represent a client if:

(1) the lawyer reasonably believes that the lawyer will be able to provide competent and diligent representation to each affected client;

(2) the representation is not prohibited by law;

(3) the representation does not involve the assertion of a claim by one client against another client represented by the lawyer in the same litigation or other proceeding before a tribunal; and

(4) each affected client gives informed consent.

Credits

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