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LEGAL ETHICS OPINION 533

CONFLICT OF INTEREST/  
COMMUNICATION WITH ADVERSE  
WITNESSES/FORMER OFFICERS,  
DIRECTORS AND EMPLOYEES OF  
ADVERSARY PARTY.

It would be ethically permissible for an attorney to communicate directly with the former officers, directors, and employees of an adversary party. However, if the attorney knows that any of these witnesses is represented by counsel, the requirements of DR:7-103(A) would prohibit direct communication. [DR:7-103(A), LE Op. 530, and LE Op. 347 (formerly LE-IO 436)]

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