

Committee Opinion
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LEGAL ETHICS OPINION 537

CONFLICT OF INTERESTS/LOBBYING
BEFORE LEGISLATIVE BODIES.

It is improper for an attorney to lobby before the General Assembly or other legislative body when the lobbyist's law partner is a member of that elected body. Furthermore, the Virginia Comprehensive Conflict of Interest Act does not obviate this conclusion nor in any way diminish the professional responsibility of the attorney. [DR:9-101(C), LE Op. 188, and LE Op. 136 (withdrawn for reconsideration 9/8/83)]

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