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LEGAL ETHICS OPINION 725

CONFLICT OF INTERESTS – MULTIPLE
CLIENTS – DISQUALIFICATION OF
ATTORNEY/LAW FIRM.

DR:5-105(C) of the Virginia Code of Professional Responsibility dictates that the representation of multiple clients may continue so long as a law firm can adequately represent the interests of each client and has the consent of the clients to the representation after full disclosure of the possible effect of such representation on the exercise of the law firm's independent professional judgment on behalf of each. On the other hand, if the individual members of a law firm are not in a position to comply with the requirements of DR:5-105(C), then not only are the individual lawyers disqualified but the entire firm is disqualified pursuant to DR:5-105(E).

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