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LEGAL ETHICS OPINION 388

NON-REGISTERED PATENT
ATTORNEY – PATENT/PROFESSIONAL
CORPORATION.

A non-Registered Patent Attorney, who is not a Virginia-licensed attorney, may ethically practice trademark law in Virginia [*Sperry v. State of Florida*, 373 U.S. 379, 83 S. Ct. 1322 (1963)] and may ethically form either a law corporation or partnership with Virginia attorneys, provided the corporation's or partnership's practice is limited to that before the Patent and Trademark Office. [See II: DR:2-102(D) and Va. Code § 54-42.2.]

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