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CONFLICT OF INTERESTS/TRUSTS
AND ESTATES.

Where a client is related to an attorney/donee, the attorney/donee is not prohibited per se from writing a testamentary document in which he or a member of his family is a beneficiary. However, the attorney is still required to exercise "independent professional judgment" on behalf of his client and is not permitted to accept or continue employment if he is not in a position to exercise independent judgment. [Canon 5, DR:5-104(B), EC:5-5]

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