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CONFLICT OF INTEREST –
CONFIDENCES AND SECRETS –
FORMER CLIENT – PRESENT CLIENT.

The provisions of Canon 4 of the Virginia Code of Professional Responsibility deal with the preservation of confidences and secrets of a client. Except with the consent of the former client after full disclosure or pursuant to court order under the provisions of DR:4-101(C), an attorney is prohibited from testifying about any confidence or secret gained from former clients in pending actions in which a former individual client is the plaintiff and a former corporate client is the defendant.

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