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Waiver of Conflict of Interest — Attorney Disgualification

Grovick Props., LLC v. 83-10 Astoria Boulevard, LLC, 2014 NY Slip Op 05627 (App. Div., 2d Dep't. Aug. 6, 2014)

Risk Management Issue: What amount of detail must be included in a waiver of a future conflict of interest for it to be binding on the client and enforceable by the attorney?

Withdrawal of Attorneys — Engagement Letters

Robbins v. Legacy Health Sys., Inc., 177 Wash. App. 299 (2d Div. 2013)

Risk Management Issue: May a lawyer withdraw from a matter when the client is unwilling to pay the costs associated with the engagement?

Conflict of Interest — Disqualification — The Importance of Timely Ethical Screening Before Undertaking the Representation

Signature MD, Inc. v. MDVIP, Inc., Case No. CV 14-5453 (C.D. Cal. Jan. 20, 2015)

Risk Management Issue: A new matter comes in requiring immediate attention, but a conflict check reveals a prior representation of the adverse party. To the extent that screening may avoid or reduce the risk of disqualification, how quickly must a law firm implement the ethical screen?

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