

Conflicts of Interest

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How much Protection is a Waiver of a Conflict of Interest?

What most lawyers think is the shield that protects them from criticism — the client's consent to waive the conflict — may actually be a sword.

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Difficult ethical problems arise from the conflict between lawyer's responsibilities to:

- clients,
- the legal system, and
- the lawyer's own interests.

- **in remaining an ethical person**
- **while earning a satisfactory living.**

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Such issues must be resolved through the **exercise of:**

sensitive professional and moral judgment,

guided by the principles underlying the Rules.

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The Rules do not, however, exhaust the moral and ethical considerations that should inform a lawyer, for

no worthwhile human activity can be completely defined by legal rules.

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A lawyer is also guided by personal conscience and the approbation of professional peers.

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