

# Conflicts, Ethics & Slippery Slopes

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“Resolve to be honest at all events; and if in your own judgment you cannot be an honest lawyer, resolve to be honest without being a lawyer.”

-- Abraham Lincoln (1850)

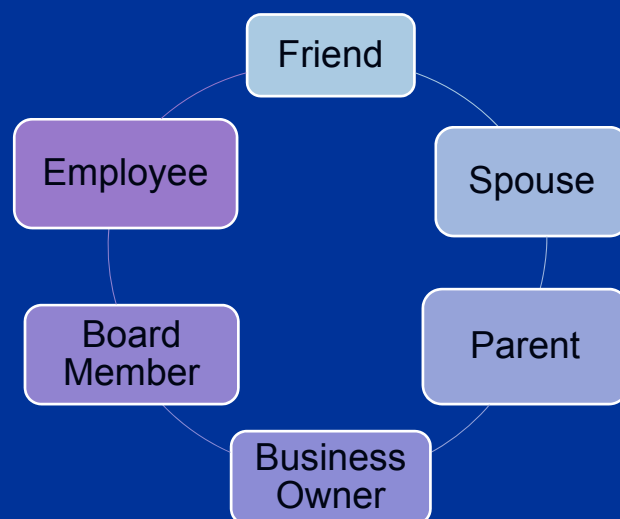
## **Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct**

- Conflict of Interest Within the Client-Lawyer Relationship
- Non-Client Relationships
- The Advocate

## What is a conflict of interest?

1. A real or seeming incompatibility between one's private interests and one's public or fiduciary duties.
2. A real or seeming incompatibility between the interests of two of a lawyer's clients, such that the lawyer is disqualified from representing both clients if the dual representation adversely affects either client or if the clients do not consent.

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