

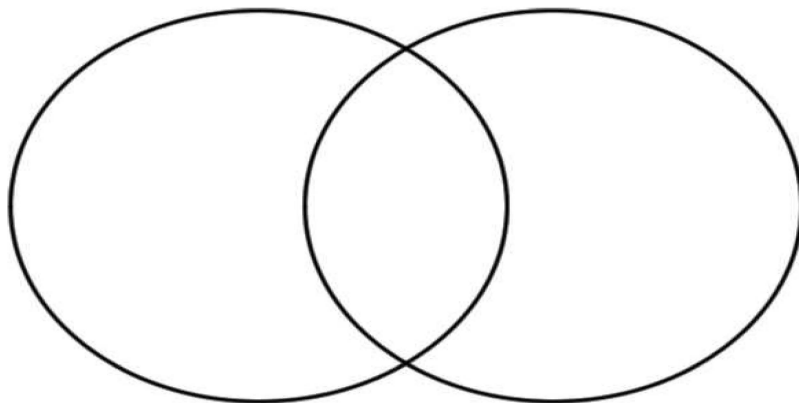
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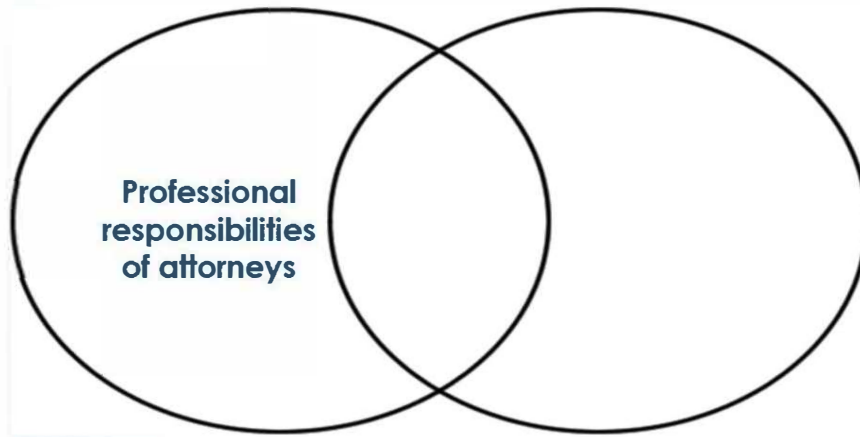
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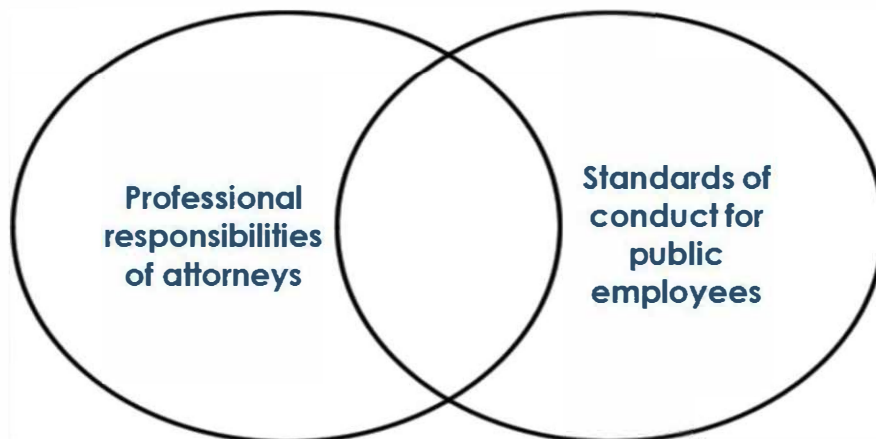
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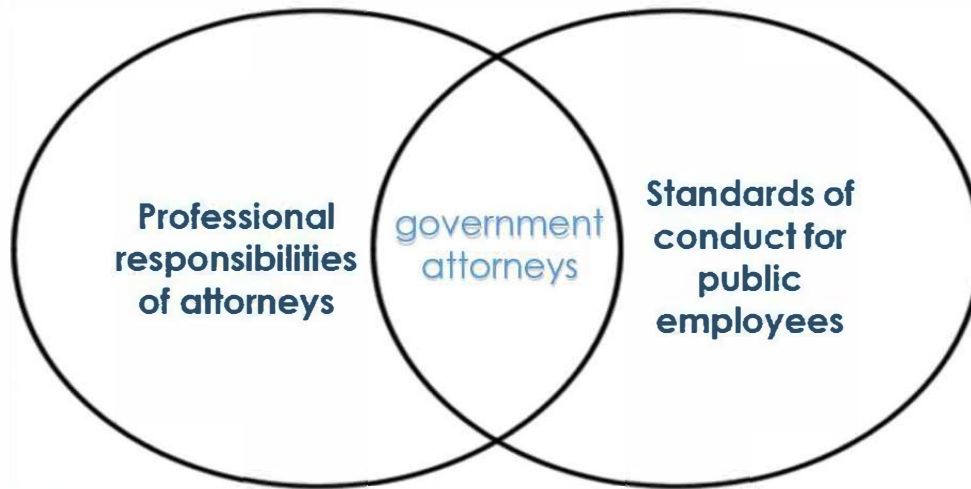
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13. The responsibilities of government lawyers, under various legal provisions, including constitutional, statutory and common law, may include authority concerning legal matters that ordinarily reposes in the client in private client-lawyer relationships. ... They also may have authority to represent the public interest in circumstances where a private lawyer would not be authorized to do so. These rules do not abrogate any such authority.

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