Mum's the Word: Maintaining Client Confidentiality and Dealing with Ethical Challenges while Working from Anywhere and Everywhere

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Things "loose lips" might sink:

- Ships
- Client Relationships
- Attorney Reputations (and careers)

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Today's Goals

- 1. Get ethics credit
- 2. Have a little fun
- 3. Take home a few practical tips
- 4. Get you out of here in time for Happy Hour

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Outline of Presentation

- Review duty of confidentiality
- Maintaining confidentiality while working remotely
- Implication of virtual practice on other ethical duties
- Remote work: practical recommendations

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