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In re Truman, 7 N.E.3d 260 (Ind. 2014)

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State Bar of California, Formal Opinion No. 2014-190

Risk Management Issue: What duties do attorneys affiliated with a dissolving law firm owe to a client of the firm if the attorneys will no longer be representing the client upon the firm's dissolution? How do the duties of attorneys differ based on their position at the firm and whether the attorneys have any connection with or knowledge of the client prior to the dissolution of the firm?

Conflict of Interest – Duties to Former Client – the Substantial Relationship Test – Implied Waiver of Right to Seek Disqualification of Counsel

State v. 3M Co., No. A12-1856, A12-1867, 2014 BL 121512 (Minn. Apr. 30, 2014)

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Risk Management Issue: Can a lawyer or law firm rely on a former client's alleged implied waiver of a conflict of interest and of its right to seek disqualification of the law firm?

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