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The Lawyers' Lawyer Newsletter - Recent Developments in Risk Management - May 2015

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Conflict of Interest — Disqualification — The Importance of Timely Ethical Screening *Before Undertaking the Representation*

Signature MD, Inc. v. MDVIP, Inc., Case No. CV 14-5453 (C.D. Cal. Jan. 20, 2015)

Risk Management Issue: A new matter comes in requiring immediate attention, but a conflict check reveals a prior representation of the adverse party. To the extent that screening may avoid or reduce the risk of disqualification, how quickly must a law firm implement the ethical screen?

Lawyers Professional Liability Insurance — Notice Provision — Consequences of Failure to Provide Adequate Detail

Illinois State Bar Ass'n Mut. Ins. Co. v. Beeler Law, P.C., 2015 IL App (1st) 140790-U, 2015 WL 1407310 (Ill. App. Ct. Mar. 25, 2015)

Risk Management Issue: What are the consequences of failing to provide detailed information to the insurer when reporting claims?

Client On-Line Reviews of Lawyers' Services — Right of Response? — Application of "Self-Defense" Exception to Rule of Professional Conduct 1.6

New York State Bar Association Committee on Professional Ethics Opinion 1032, Responding to a former client's critical commentary on a website (Oct. 30, 2014)

Service Areas

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Pa. Bar Assoc. Formal Op. 2014-300, Ethical Obligations for Attorneys Using Social Media, 2014

Risk Management Issue: Can a lawyer respond to a client's (or a former client's) critical online review of legal services by rebutting the accusations using the client's confidential information?

Social Networking — Personal Profiles on LinkedIn — Application of the Rules of Professional Conduct

New York County Lawyers' Association Professional Ethics Committee Formal Opinion 748, The ethical implications of attorney profiles on LinkedIn, Mar. 10, 2015

Pa. Bar Assoc. Formal Op. 2014-300, Ethical Obligations for Attorneys Using Social Media, 2014

Risk Management Issue: How do the rules of professional conduct regulate the contents of lawyers' personal profiles on LinkedIn?

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