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The Lawyers' Lawyer Newsletter - Recent Developments in Risk Management - February 2017

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Joint Representation — Conflicts of Interest — Waiver

Foltz v. Columbia Casualty Company, 2016 WL 4734687 (2016) (W.D. Ok. 2016)

Risk Management Issue: Can client A's waiver, given with informed consent, permitting lawyer to represent client A jointly with client B in the same matter be effective to permit lawyer's continued representation of client B in the future should lawyer no longer represent client A, where such continued representation will or may be adverse to now former client A?

Impaired Lawyers — Partners' Reporting Responsibilities — Duty of Partners and Supervisory Lawyers in a Law Firm When a Lawyer in the Firm Suffers From Significant Impairment

Virginia Legal Ethics Opinion 1886

Risk Management Issue: What steps are required of a supervisory lawyer when she reasonably believes a lawyer under her supervision suffers from agerelated or substance-induced impairment?

Technology Security — Protecting Client Funds From Outside Interference

Bile v. RPEMC, 2016 WL 4487864 (E.D. Va., Aug. 24, 2016)

Risk Management Issue: If a lawyer receives a suspicious email regarding the transmission of settlement funds, what steps should she take to protect herself, her client and any others with an interest in the funds?

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