

# CONFLICTS / CONFIDENTIALITY

1. You are practicing law with a law firm known as the Valparaiso University Law Clinic.
2. Law Clinic lawyers and students share a common client trust account, share office space, are supported by one support staff, and store files in areas accessible to all Law Clinic staff/faculty/students.
3. **The above means my conflict is your conflict; confidential information generated by any Law Clinic student, regardless of the individual clinic in which s/he is enrolled, is confidential for all Clinic lawyers and all Law Clinic students.**
4. Do not talk about any Clinic cases in public areas outside the Law Clinic.
5. Clinic cases are to be discussed only among Clinic students, not roommates, friends, etc.
6. We share conflicts and we each have the obligation to maintain the confidences of any and all the clients our firm represents.
7. The Clinic cannot be on both sides of the same case. Remember, we share conflicts. We are all precluded from working on the other side of any Clinic case. A Law Clinic student cannot be on the other side of any Clinic case in any capacity, be it an externship, a clerkship, or a *pro bono* placement. You may not work, in any capacity, for any party adverse to any Law Clinic client.
8. Be diligent regarding conflicts, potential conflicts, and the confidentiality of our clients' information.
9. If you have any questions, please ask. Thanks.

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