Transactional Conflicts of Interest

Total: **68 Minutes**

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The Model Rules of Professional Conduct and their corresponding state ethics rules don't just apply to litigators; they apply just as strictly to every type of lawyer. Ethics rules regarding conflicts can be particularly tricky for non-litigating attorneys as potential conflicts of interest with transactional attorneys may not be apparent. This program will focus exclusively on how the ethical rules governing conflicts of interest apply to transactional attorneys. The presenter will cover a number of hypothetical situations and discuss best practices in terms of dealing with each situation.

All topics below concern ethics under The Model Rules of Professional Conduct. Topics include:

- Analyzing potential conflicts (6 min.)
- Setting up separate counsel (4 min.)
- Setting up a conflicts screen (12 min.)
- Hypotheticals, analysis, and resolutions – conflicts of interest for transactional attorneys (46 min.)

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