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Rules for Lawyers Who Lobby

Are lawyers exempt from lobbying laws?

The state Supreme Court regulates all lawyers in Pennsylvania. It sets rules for licensure, for ethical conduct, for disciplinary enforcement and for all other aspects of legal practice.

Under the Rules of Professional Conduct, lawyers are required to treat all information they receive from clients as confidential, but there is an exception relating to lobbying: lawyers who act as lobbyists are released from the confidentiality rule when state law requires disclosure of their clients and their lobbying activities.

The Supreme Court approved the exception to the confidentiality rule in 2003. Lawyers must comply with statutes, resolutions or government regulations that require lobbying disclosures.