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1. Laura(L)'s ethical violations

Duty of Loyalty

A lawyer has a duty owed to her client not to have her interests above her client's interests.

Here, L is a lawyer and represented Wendy(W) as her client. Therefore, L has a duty of loyalty.

Conflict of Interests: between current clients

A lawyer may not represent if there are conflict of interests which directly adverse to each other, between current clients.

Here, L represented W and filed a request for child support from Henry(H). It may be argued that W's interests were directly adverse because A represented Ginny(G), H's girlfriend, and L and A share the suite, conference room, a printer, and a receptionist. However, A represented G on a matter unrelated to H's divorce.

Thus, conflict of interests between current clients may not exist.

Conflict of Interests: between current client and third party or others

A lawyer may not represent if there are conflict of interests which significantly possibility to materially limited the lawyer's responsibility to represent for her client by her relationship with a former client or third party or her personal interests. A lawyer may represent if she reasonably believe that she can represent her client avoiding the client's interests and each client gives her informed written consent under ABA rule. In California, a lawyer may give written disclosure to her client.

Here, L has shared most things in the suite with A. Her sharing with A and A's representation on G significantly possibility that L's representation on W would be materially limited by the relationship with A. Further, the fact that L's son is a receptionist of the firm indicates L's

personal interests. In order not to have an ethical violation, L should get the informed written consent from W under ABA, or give a written disclosure to W for the relationship with A and Sam.

However, there is no fact that L did either one. Therefore, L violates the duty of loyalty under either rule.

Duty of Care

Duty to communicate to a client

L has a duty to communicate to W for keep informing related to W's case.

Here, because L didn't want to get her son into trouble, she never mentioned the property deed to W. Her conduct caused W receiving a lower award of child support from the court than she should have, based on H's incorrect financial statement. L failed to keep informing W related to her case, thus L breached the duty of communicate to

Duty to candor to tribunal

2. Alex(A)'s ethical violations

Duty of Loyalty

Conflict of Interests

Duty of Confidentiality

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