


Quality Legal Representation

(from the Client’s Perspective)




A Panel Discussion

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Our Panel

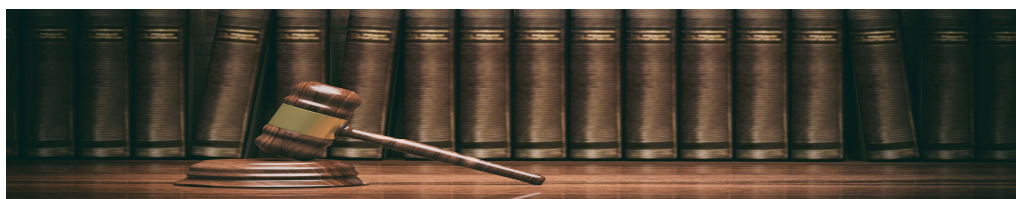
- **County Board Member: Matthew de Ferranti**, Arlington, VA
- **City Manager: Robert J. Wood**, Rocky Mount, VA
- **Chief of Police: Don Hayes**, Alexandria, VA
- **Assistant City Attorney: Leela Fireside**, Rockville, MD
- **Moderator: Alan Bojorquez**, Austin, TX



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ABA Model Rules of Professional Conduct

- Rule 1.1. Duty of Competence
- Rule 1.2. Scope of Representation
- Rule 1.4 Communications
- Rule 1.6. Confidentiality
- Rule 1.7. Conflicts of Interests
- Rule 1.13 Organization as a Client



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Questions to be Addressed

- Who is the client?
- When is a task urgent?
- When to share info & with whom?
- How do we handle Confidential data?
- What is the Lawyer's role?



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More Questions

- What is the difference between *personal* opinion & *legal* advice?
- How prepared are clients for engaging legal services?
- Who has authority to direct legal actions?
- How to deal with Conflicts among Client representatives?
- Why a “Municipal Attorney” vs. *any* Lawyer?
- What does City Hall expect from its attorney?

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Thank You, Panelists!

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