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CONFLICT OF INTEREST.

It is not improper for the present law firm of a former Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney to defend clients' cases that arose during the time that the attorney was associated with the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office, so long as the attorney had no involvement in the case while he was an Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney. [See II: DR:5-105(D) and DR: 9-101(B).]

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Legal Ethics Committee Notes. – Rule 1.11 allows a law firm to avoid disqualification in certain circumstances if it screens the former government attorney.