

Confidentiality: Part I (Strength and Scope of the Duty)

This interactive program uses hypotheticals to explore one of our profession's core duties -- maintaining client confidences. Among other things, the program will address: the strength of the duty; the source, timing and content of information lawyers must keep confidential (for instance, does the duty cover information in the public record, or the disclosure of which would not harm the client?); comparison with the attorney-client privilege; when the confidentiality duty begins (in the context of unsolicited emails and interviews with prospective clients); when the duty ends; what steps lawyers must take to protect client confidences, especially in the context of electronic communications.