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Robert Meyers, Esq. of Weiss Serota Helfman Cole Bierman, P.L., inquired concerning whether a voting conflict would exist if an elected official sitting on a local Council or Commission were to have someone come before the board representing a company with which the elected official had a business relationship. The official in question, in his/her private life, had an insurance agency and sold insurance policies to private clients, including a client who was expected to come before the board on a matter affecting that client. I advised Mr. Meyers that a voting conflict of interest would exist under such circumstances because there is a reasonable possibility that his/her action on a matter involving such a business client could, at least indirectly profit or enhance the official in terms of the existing business relationship. Accordingly, the official should recuse himself/herself from the matter, state the conflict publicly, leave the room during the discussion and vote, and file the necessary state conflict Form 8B with the clerk of the board within 15 days of the vote.

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