



North Carolina General Assembly
Legislative Ethics Committee
Advisory Opinion
AO-LEC-23-001

May 16, 2023

The Honorable Timothy K. Moore
Speaker of the North Carolina House of Representatives
16 West Jones Street, Room 2304
Raleigh, NC 27601-1096

Re: AO-LEC-23-001 – Conflict of Interest Analysis Regarding Former Gaming Client

Dear Speaker Moore:

On May 2, 2023, you asked the Legislative Ethics Committee to issue a formal advisory opinion on the following question:

QUESTION: Must a lawyer-legislator include a former gaming client in that legislator's ongoing conflict of interest analysis with respect to prospective official or legislative action when legal representation for that gaming client has concluded, there is a formal written agreement terminating the attorney-client relationship, and all fees have been settled between the lawyer-legislator and the former gaming client?

ANSWER: No.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Norman W. Sanderson in blue ink.

Senator Norman W. Sanderson
Senate Co-chair

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Representative Grey Mills
House Co-chair