



LEGAL ETHICS COMMITTEE ETHICS HOTLINE DISCLAIMER AND CONSENT

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By using the Ethics Hotline, I acknowledge and consent to the following:

1. Call takers for the Ethics Hotline perform a volunteer service for members of The Bar Association of San Francisco, to help members ascertain their obligations under applicable ethical rules.
2. The call taker is not obligated to perform any substantial research in connection with my inquiry.
3. The call taker's response is not an opinion of the Legal Ethics Committee of The Bar Association of San Francisco, nor of The Bar Association of San Francisco or any of its units, but merely represents the call taker's best judgment on the facts as I have presented them.
4. As the attorney whose conduct is at issue in the inquiry, I have an independent duty to investigate the information (including but not limited to any legal authorities) provided by the call taker, and to form an independent judgment as to how the subject of the inquiry should be addressed.
5. The call taker is not creating an attorney-client relationship with me, and I agree not to seek to hold the call taker, The Legal Ethics Committee, nor The Bar Association of San Francisco responsible in any manner for information provided, whether erroneous or otherwise. I further agree that I will not attempt to subpoena or otherwise seek to involuntarily compel the call taker, or any representative of the Legal Ethics Committee or of The Bar Association of San Francisco to testify in connection with my inquiry, nor will I permit anyone to do so on my behalf.
6. Information provided by the call taker is not binding on any court, The State Bar of California, The Bar Association of San Francisco, or any member of the State Bar of California.
7. I understand that except as provided herein, the call taker will endeavor to keep my identity confidential. However, the subject matter of my inquiry may be brought to the attention of the Legal Ethics Committee for appropriate Committee action, including but not limited to creating a Formal Opinion of the Committee or recommending modifications to applicable rules. I further understand that the call taker, the Committee Chair, or another Committee member may contact me with further comments if the Committee believes it appropriate to do so.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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