

DENVER BAR ASSOCIATION - METRO VOLUNTEER LAWYERS

Prohibition on lobbying and political activity

Legislative

1. No individual, while engaged in legal service activities funded by federal Department of Justice funds may initiate or participate in any efforts,
 - (1) that attempts to influence legislation or influence any provision in a legislative manner appropriating funds to the recipient of federal VOCA funds e.g. self-help lobbying.
 - (2) That attempts to influence the conduct of oversight proceedings of any legislative body concerning the recipient or VOCA.
 - (3) That engages in any grassroots lobbying activity.
 - (4) That attempts to participate or influence any rulemaking or influence the issuance, amendment or revocation of any executive order concerning VOCA funding.

Demonstrations

2. It is impermissible for any individual, during working hours, while providing legal assistance or representation to clients funded by federal Department of Justice funds to:
 - (1) Participate in any public demonstration, picketing boycott or strike except as permitted by law in connection with the employee's own employment situation, or
 - (2) Encourage, direct or coerce others to engage in such activities.
 - (3) No individual funded by federal Department of Justice funds may engage in rioting or civil disturbance or other illegal activity that is inconsistent with the employee's responsibilities under applicable law or the Colorado Rules of Professional Conduct.