Texas Court Rejects Claim That Association's Lawyer Represents Members

A Texas appeals court has rejected an argument that the association's general counsel had an attorney-client relationship with a member embroiled in a lawsuit.

The decision, involving the Texas Automobile Dealers Association, addresses some important questions about the relationship between an association general counsel and the organization's members, Associations Now reported.

"The case arose when a member of the Texas Automobile Dealers Association was sued after the proposed sale of the Nissan dealership went sour last year," Associations Now said. "During discovery in the lawsuit, the lawyer for Baytown Nissan had a phone discussion about the conflict with TADA General Counsel Brenda Karen Phillips. The plaintiff in the case—the spurned potential buyer—sought to depose both lawyers about the substance of their conversation."

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