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Do people expect unusual services from a board member who is also a lawyer? Gordon himself does not serve on boards for this reason. He wants to keep a clear role for himself and maintain a straightforward attorney-client relationship. He wants his clients to know that his advice comes from an objective point of view, and not because of an interest from a board seat that he may hold.



## Transcript

The question is if you're on the board, do your client expect extraordinary services and is it attorney-client relationship? I don't serve on boards for that reason.. Some lawyers do.. It's not illegal.. It's not unethical but I don't do it because of the clarity of my role.. I want to know that when I'm giving advice, I'm giving it from an objective point of view that my butt is not on the line that I'm telling people what I really think, not because I'm afraid of the decision I might have to make.. I just think it's better that way so it's always an attorney-client relationship and it's always attorney-client privilege as a result.. I attend board meetings and often serve as secretary taking notes of the meeting with the minutes and so forth.. I don't serve on any boards other than charitable boards and there they do expect extraordinary services of you...