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I have received a request to provide commentary on the duty of confidentiality if it will exonerate an innocent person.

My opinion is that the duty of confidentiality should not apply if an attorney has information that will exonerate an innocent person.

As a criminal defense attorney, if I knew that someone was in prison for a crime that one of my clients had confided in me that he committed, to me that would be atrocious. I have mulled this issue in my mind. Could I let a man rot in prison for life, knowing that someone else committed the crime because I swore an oath of confidentiality? Personally, under those circumstances, I would rather lose my license.

The rules currently provide that we can breach confidentiality if a client confides in us that they will cause harm to others. Isn't the continued incarceration of an innocent person, who may die in prison a continued harm?

For the reasons set forth herein, I don't think that an innocent person should spend one day incarcerated for a crime committed by someone else because an attorney is sworn to loyalty.

Thank you,

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