

NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN LABOR & EMPLOYMENT LAW March 18, 2015

Norwalk Inn & Conference Center 99 East Avenue Norwalk, CT

8:00-8:30 a.m. - Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:30-8:35 a.m. – Welcome and Introduction *- Joshua Hawks-Ladds*, Chair Labor & Employee Benefits Department

8:35 -9:15 a.m. – <u>Entrepreneurship is The New Women's Movement</u> – Fran Pastore, President & CEO, Women's Business Development Council

9:15-9:45 a.m. – Developments in Department of Labor Wage Enforcement

The U.S. Department of Labor's "Misclassification Initiative" has resulted in cooperation between the DOL and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) on ferreting out misclassification of employees. This initiative, as well as the Connecticut DOL's parallel program, has created significant legal exposure for employers. Learn what you can do to prepare for a DOL investigation of your business. Also learn about how misclassification of employees can impact your employee benefit plans.

Jonathan Orleans, John Shea

9:45 - 10:15 a.m. - Drug Testing Employees and Dealing with Medical Marijuana in the Workplace

An update on state regulations and how legalized medical marijuana will impact employers. *Rachel Ginsburg, Megan Carannante*

10:15 - 10:25 a.m. - Break

10:25 - 11:00 a.m. - The Affordable Care Act - Are You in Compliance?

Despite the highly-publicized delay in implementation of one provision of the Affordable Care Act, there are many other provisions that are taking effect and must be tackled. In other words, it is full steam ahead on health care reform. Are you ready? What are you missing? What is left to be done? This presentation will provide human resources and office personnel with a checklist of tasks that must be accomplished to get into compliance, and tips for doing so.

George Kasper, Sharon Freilich



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11:00 -11:30 a.m. – Responding to a Retaliation, Discrimination or Harassment Claim

We will update the status of the law on retaliation claims, and demystify the state and federal investigation processes and explain our best practices for responding to a discrimination complaint with the state and federal agencies, as well as internal investigation best practices.

Robert Hinton, Michael LaVelle

11:30 – 12:00 p.m. - New Developments in OFCCP Compliance for Federal Contractors

In 2014, the administration announced the "Fair Pay and Safe Workplaces" executive order – a set of new OFCCP requirements covering areas of law outside of the office's traditional mandate of equal employment opportunity. Get an introduction to the new rules on past labor law history of federal contractors, use of arbitration clauses in employment agreements, paycheck information. Alsolearn how to properly respond to an OFCCP audit. *Adam Mocciolo, Joshua Hawks-Ladds*

12:00 - 1:00 p.m. – Lunch and Networking