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# FLSA/Wage & Hour Crackdown

- A. Classification issues
  - 1. Exempt vs. non-exempt employees
  - 2. Independent contractor vs. employee
- B. Pitfalls in employers' use of independent contractors, contingent workforce, e.g., staffing agency employees, to avoid payroll taxes
- C. On the clock or off the clock, e.g., meal breaks, pre and post shift activity
- D. Rise of collective/class action lawsuits
- E. E-Verify, I-9 forms
- II. Advanced FMLA and ADA Issues: What does the law really say?
  - A. FMLA, ADA updates and EEOC guidelines
    - 1. Expansion of what can be considered a "disability"
    - 2. What constitutes accommodation according to the EEOC
    - 3. Shift in prohibited action cases
    - 4. How new ADAAA rules impact HR and benefits
    - 5. Effect on FMLA and other leave policies
  - B. Overlap of FMLA and ADA
  - C. Discrimination

#### III. Privacy and Social Media in the Workplace

- A. Balancing an employer's right to know vs. employee privacy
- B. Wireless devices and employee and employer privacy violations
- C. Monitoring and creating policies regarding Internet, email, texting, and other electronic communications
- D. Use of social networking sites in the employment context: risks, best practices, and policies
- E. Off the job behavior, e.g., blogging and dating
- F. Case law studies

#### IV. Sexual, Racial, and Other Harassment and Discrimination

- A. Recent legislation and court cases
- B. Domestic partnership issues
- C. Harassment vs. discrimination
- D. Is it *quid pro quo*, harassment, or just obnoxious behavior?
- E. What constitutes a hostile workplace environment?
- F. Employer liability principles as they affect management of complaints
- G. Liability for claims of harassment by third parties

#### V. Termination Best Practices

- A. Legal considerations, e.g., WARN Act, OWBPA
- B. Structuring severance/separation packages; COBRA
- C. RIF, layoffs, early retirement, performance
- D. Termination of the "difficult" employee: strategies for avoiding claims

### VI. Health Care Legislative Update

Planning for changes: 2012, 2013, 2014, and beyond

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