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Florida Law Alliance Fall Employment Law Conference

Friday, November 10, 2017

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AGENDA AND OUTLINE

7:30 a.m.

Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:30 a.m.

Florida Medical Marijuana Law and Its Impact on the Workplace



Robert Shearman, Esq.

Henderson, Franklin, Starnes & Holt, P.A.
Fort Myers

Since the passing of Amendment 2, there are many questions facing Florida employers. While the infrastructure and implementation of the new regulations are ramping up, employers may be well served to use the time now to survey their approach to the law. Attendees will learn: whether the new law impacts a drug-free workplace policy; whether employers are required to grant accommodations to prescription card-carrying users; and, whether employees will be able to sue employers who terminate them for failing a drug test due to a positive test for medical marijuana use.

9:30 a.m.

Break

9:45 a.m.

Employment Law Cases and Arbitration



Michael Schofield, Esq.

Clark Partington/Pensacola

This presentation will give attendees a better understanding of what to expect when an employment law matter is handled in an arbitration setting. Attendees will learn how contractual language can compel arbitration, better

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understand the mindset of the typical arbitrator (your "private paid judge and jury" in the matter), and gain an appreciation for when to seek arbitration and perhaps when to try to avoid arbitration.

10:45 a.m.

Company Websites Under Attack: Your Guide to Title III of the ADA as Applied to Websites



Craig Salner, Esq.

Clarke Silvergate/Miami

Employers know that the Americans with Disabilities Act ("ADA") precludes discrimination in the workplace as it pertains to an employee's actual or perceived disability. The ADA also requires businesses to make their facilities accessible to patrons with disabilities. This litigation hotbed has now extended to company websites. Attendees will gain a better understanding of the background of the ADA, as well as practical solutions businesses can implement to reduce ADA claims.

11:45 a.m.

Lunch

12:45 p.m.

Raffles

1:00 p.m.

7 Wage and Hour Mistakes Even Seasoned Employers Make



Jeff Wilcox, Esq.

Hill Ward Henderson/Tampa

Litigation under the Fair Labor Standards Act has exploded in recent years, and the law contains many non-obvious traps for unwitting employers. Mistakes by employers can be costly, as the mistakes are often repeated and applied to multiple employees, and the law provides for extensive penalties and attorney fee awards for successful plaintiffs. This session will discuss in detail many of the lesser-known (but high-exposure) pitfalls that frequently arise for employers, and will provide practical advice and solutions for understanding and avoiding them.

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2:00 p.m.

Recent Changes in EEOC Investigations



Susan Smith Erdelyi, Esq.

Marks Gray/Jacksonville

Special Guest Speaker

Michael Farrell, Esq.

EEOC District Director/Miami



The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission can seem like a "black hole" where discrimination charges are filed and sit on someone's desk until a "Dismissal and Notice of Rights" is issued. In the meantime, what happens? This presentation is designed to outline the inner workings at the EEOC, the procedures for investigating charges and to discuss recent changes in the investigation process which may include on-site visits, questioning by investigators of employees at the employer's workplaces and sharing of position statements. Attendees will learn common mistakes made in position statements, tips for drafting effective (and appreciated) position statements, the state of the law with respect to admissibility of position statements into evidence at trial, and what types of discrimination charges are on the rise at the EEOC.

3:00 p.m.

Closing remarks

Speakers

Michael Farrell, Esq. spent approximately 16 years with the EEOC's Miami and Los Angeles Offices as one of its senior trial attorneys. He left the EEOC for private practice, representing employees. Michael returned to the EEOC was appointed as Director of the Miami District in February 2016 and directs EEOC enforcement in Florida, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. He may be reached at michael.farrell@eoc.gov.

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