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AGENDA

I. FLSA/Wage & Hour Crackdown
   A. Classification issues
      1. Exempt vs. non-exempt
      2. Independent contractor vs. employee
      3. Voluntary Classification Settlement Program (VCSP)
   B. Pitfalls in employers’ use of independent contractors, contingent workforce, and staffing agency employees to avoid payroll taxes
   C. On the clock or off the clock
   D. Rise of collective/class action lawsuits
   E. E-Verify®, I-9 audits, and state and federal laws

II. Advanced FMLA and ADA Issues
   A. FMLA and ADA updates and EEOC guidelines
      1. Expansion of what can be considered a “disability”
      2. What constitutes accommodation according to the EEOC
      3. How new ADAAA rules impact HR
      4. Effect on FMLA and other leave policies
      5. Discrimination
   B. Overlap of FMLA and ADA

III. 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

IV. NLRB's Expanding Agenda
   A. Overview of the NLRB, its procedures and jurisdiction issues
   B. Representation elections: proposed changes and recent decisions, union elections/decertification, rules to follow
   C. Extension of the reach of the NLRA
      1. Impact on employers: both union and non-union
      2. Impact on bargaining unit
      3. What is covered by the NLRB definition of Section 7 Rights
      4. NLRB posting requirements and the impact on communications with employees
   D. Policies that are per se violations of the NLRA
   E. NLRB activities and cases, e.g., Boeing, Fresenius USA Manufacturing

V. PPACA/Obamacare: What Employers Need to Know
   A. What is the Affordable Care Act?
   B. How it will affect small and large businesses
   C. Timeline for provisions
   D. Questions and answers

VI. Privacy and Social Media in the Workplace
   A. Balancing an employer’s right to know vs. employee’s privacy
   B. Wireless devices and employee’s and employer’s 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. The NLRB and social media
   G. Case law studies

VII. Termination Best Practices
   A. Legal considerations, e.g., WARN Act, OWBPA, employee agreements
   B. Structuring severance/separation packages, COBRA
   C. RIF, layoffs, early retirement, performance
   D. Terminations: strategies for avoiding claims

It is essential to understand the emerging developments in employment law. With the EEOC cracking down on employee classification and the NLRB redefining Section 7 rights, employment law problems can arise unexpectedly and the results can be costly. This seminar will help you understand the emerging critical developments and updates to provide the best management to your employees and best counsel to your clients. Our speakers provide expertise and insight to complex issues, ready to share their years of experience at both the state and federal level with you. Attend this seminar to expand your knowledge and enhance your abilities “beyond the basics.” Register today!
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BARRY D. KELLMAN, of Kellman & Kleiman in Los Angeles, has been named four times to the annual list of Southern California Super Lawyers® published in Los Angeles Magazine. He provides training and employment counsel to employers throughout California, with special emphasis on the challenges faced by small and mid-size companies. Mr. Kellman received his B.A. from the University of California at Los Angeles and his J.D. from the University of California School of Law at Los Angeles.

KELLY L. HENSLEY, a partner of Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton LLP in Los Angeles, regularly practices employment litigation, compliance audits, employment counseling, and training and investigations. She has written several articles on labor and employment and corporate securities. Ms. Hensley is the co-author of the California Labor and Employment Alert Newsletter, which is published bi-monthly. She is a member of the Los Angeles County Bar Association’s Labor Law Section. Ms. Hensley received her B.A. from the University of California at Santa Barbara and her J.D. from Loyola Law School.

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CALVIN R. HOUSE, a partner of Gutierrez, Preciado & House LLP in Pasadena, concentrates his practice on labor and employment law, government, and appellate practice. Mr. House, a civil litigator for over thirty-five years, has substantial trial experience with an emphasis on appellate matters. He has served as the deputy commissioner for the New York City Department of Consumer Affairs and as an assistant professor at Western State University College of Law. He is a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates. Mr. House received his B.A. from Columbia University and his J.D. from Columbia University Law School.

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