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WEDNESDAY, MAY 16

Community Service Project 9:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
On Wednesday morning, all attendees are invited to volunteer together at the Ronald McDonald House Chicago (211 East Grand Avenue). We will be assisting with preparing the day’s lunch to be delivered to house residents, as well as completing housekeeping and organizational tasks. To reserve a spot, please go to https://tinyurl.com/yad7p844. Please also feel free to contact Sarah Sloan Batson at sbatson@nexsenpruet.com or Kimberly Ross at kross@fordharrison.com with questions. Lunch to follow at a location TBD.

2:00 p.m. Registration

3:00 p.m. Ethics and the Tripartite Relationship
This panel discussion will feature views from an experienced in-house attorney, a senior-level carrier representative, and accomplished trial counsel addressing the tripartite relationship and how to navigate the ethical conundrums that often appear during representation in insured matters.

MODERATOR  Joseph A. Starr, Starr Butler Alexopoulos & Stoner PLLC, Southfield, MI

Connie I. Armstrong, McGough Construction, Saint Paul, MN
Erik M. Ringbloom, Allied World Assurance Company, Farmington, CT

Paul M. Finanore, Niles Barton & Wilmer, Baltimore, MD

4:00 p.m. Breakouts (see below)

5:00 p.m. Adjourn

8:00 p.m. Young Lawyers Dine-Arounds
(more details on-site)

THURSDAY, MAY 17

7:00 a.m. Registration

8:00 a.m. Welcome and Introduction
Jaime Walker Luse, Tydings and Rosenberg LLP, Baltimore, MD
Helen R. Holden, Spencer Fane LLP, Phoenix, AZ

8:15 a.m. The Year in Review: Annual Employment Law Update
Always entertaining and immensely informative, Al Latham returns to deliver his comprehensive update on the latest and greatest court opinions affecting the defense practitioner. A longtime tradition at the DRI Employment and Labor Law Seminar, this is a must-see presen-

BREAKOUTS

Wednesday, 4:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.

Litigation Skills: Working with Experts to Win Your Case
Join an accomplished trial attorney and a well-regarded expert witness and fraud examiner as they provide a demonstration of how to examine an expert under oath skillfully. This experience is not to be missed. It will help even the most battle-tested practitioner learn how to utilize an expert and prepare for examinations more effectively.

Erik R. Matheney, Shutts & Bowen LLP, Tampa, FL
Scott A. Stringer, CPA/ABV/CFF, CGMA, CFE, Baker Tilly Virchow Krause LLP, Chicago, IL

Corporate Counsel Roundtable: Managing Multijurisdictional Issues (open to in-house counsel and claims professionals only)
Join other in-house practitioners and explore how to best advise clients with geographically diverse workforces, including navigating challenges posed by a patchwork of state and local laws. Discussion will include issues such as paid sick leave requirements, salary history inquiries, and state and local “ban the box” legislation.

Lynn G. Levy, Penn Mutual Life Insurance Company, Horsham, PA
Sonya Richburg, Coca-Cola Bottling Company Consolidated, Charlotte, NC
9:30 a.m. **Implicit Bias and the Changing Landscape of Employment Law**
This discussion includes insights from outside counsel and a veteran in-house attorney and will address implicit bias and the effect of emerging research on employment discrimination law.

**Kami M. Hoskins**, Gordon Rees Scully Mansukhani LLP, Phoenix, AZ

**Raven Moore**, McDonald’s Corporation, Oak Brook, IL

10:25 a.m. **Refreshment Break**
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10:40 a.m. **Practical Tips in Representing Clients Before Federal Agencies**
Hear practical suggestions for handling commonly encountered issues that arise with the EEOC and DOL, including conciliation with the EEOC after the Supreme Court’s decision in *EEOC v. Mach Mining* in 2015, and effectively representing clients in investigations commenced by the Department of Labor, Wage and Hour Division.

**Violet M. Clark**, Laner Muchin Ltd., Chicago, IL

**Paul D. Satterwhite**, Spencer Fane LLP, Springfield, MO

11:40 a.m. **Lunch (on your own)**

11:40 a.m. **Women in the Law Luncheon**
For more information, contact Anne Yuengert (ayuengert@bradley.com) or Peezy Mullins (pmullins@fwplaw.com).

1:10 p.m. **Online or Over the Line? Social Media Discovery and Evidentiary Issues**
Information gleaned from social media, including the claimant’s online posts, can be blockbuster evidence. This session, featuring a skilled attorney and an expert in the retrieval of social media evidence, will provide practical tips to enhance your discovery and trial preparation tool boxes.

**Zach M. Matthews**, McMickle Kurey & Branch LLP, Alpharetta, GA

**Vickram A. Kooblall**, Social Media Investigations Inc., Garden City, NY

2:05 p.m. **IP or Not IP—Is That the Question? Intellectual Property for the Employment Lawyer**
This TED talk-style, fast-paced presentation will address three features of intellectual property law that all employment lawyers should know.

**Steven Gerber**, Schoeman Updike Kaufman & Gerber LLP, Wayne, NJ

**Scott F. Gibson**, Davis Miles McGuire Gardner PLLC, Tempe, AZ

**R. Mark Halligan**, FisherBroyles LLP, Chicago, IL

3:05 p.m. **Refreshment Break**
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3:20 p.m. **Addressing Claims of Discrimination Involving Members of the LGBT Community**
This session promises a dynamic discussion between a management-side attorney who regularly advises and litigates cases involving LGBT rights, and a representative of the oldest and largest national legal organization dedicated to the civil rights of lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, and transgender people.

**Kara Ingelhart**, Lambda Legal, Chicago, IL

**Craig R. Thorstenson**, Ford Harrison LLP, Chicago, IL

4:00 p.m. **Employment and Labor Law Committee Meeting (open to all)**

6:00 p.m. **Networking Reception**
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7:30 p.m.  **Dine-Arounds** | Join colleagues and friends at selected restaurants for dinner *(on your own).* More details on-site.

9:30 p.m.  **Young Lawyers Off-Site Get Together** *(open to all)* | For more details, contact Matt McCluer *(mmccluer@sessions.legal)*.

**FRIDAY, MAY 18**

7:00 a.m.  **Registration**

7:00 a.m.  **Continental Breakfast**  
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8:00 a.m.  **Announcements**  
Robert A. Luskin, Goodman McGuffey Lindsey & Johnson LLP, Atlanta, GA

8:05 a.m.  **Ethics: Dealing with the Pro Se Litigant and Other Landmines for Employment Lawyers**  
Learn how to avoid ethical issues when dealing with the pro se litigant and others who are unrepresented. This session, led by an attorney who has investigated and prosecuted hundreds of charges of lawyer misconduct, will address other sticky situations facing the employment and labor law attorney.  
James J. Grogan, Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission of the Supreme Court of Illinois, Chicago, IL

9:05 a.m.  **EEOC: A View from Inside the Commission**  
Hear about recent developments at the commission from a longtime and experienced attorney advisor to EEOC Commissioner Chai Feldblum.  

9:55 a.m.  **Refreshment Break**  
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10:10 a.m.  **Look Before You Leap: Background Checks and Fair Credit Reporting Act Issues**  
Individual and class action litigation involving credit and criminal background checks, including claims alleging violations of the Fair Credit Reporting Act, has exploded in recent years. This session will discuss several issues that frequently arise for employers and provide practical advice for avoiding common pitfalls.  
**MODERATOR | Eric E. Kinder, Spilman Thomas & Battle PLLC, Charleston, WV**

Brad Federman, F&H Solutions Group, Memphis, TN

Lisa Morganstern Bickel, Honeywell International Inc., Phoenix, AZ

11:05 a.m.  **“Mental Health Days” Are Real: ADA, FMLA, and Employees with Mental Health Conditions and Related Disorders**  
Complex analysis is required when dealing with employees who manifest their mental health conditions and related disorders in the workplace. This panel explores the issues and will provide perspective on how to fashion productive solutions, stay on top of the process, and reduce litigation risk.  
**MODERATOR | Jill Pedigo Hall, von Briesen & Roper sc, Madison, WI**

Marti Cardi, Matrix Absence Management, Phoenix, AZ

Robin A. Jones, Great Lakes ADA Center, Chicago, IL

12:00 p.m.  **Deepening Client Relationships: Top Tips on Cross-Marketing, Client Loyalty, and Retention**  
An experienced business development coach will discuss proven tips to expand and develop existing relationships and grow your practice.  
**Steve Fretzin, Fretzin Inc., Chicago, IL**

1:00 p.m.  **Adjourn**
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