

Overview

The employment relationship is governed by an ever-changing maelstrom of laws, regulations, and court decisions. These rules are complicated, and the consequences for even inadvertent violations can be high fines, penalties, back pay awards, punitive damages, and attorneys' fees.

HeplerBroom's Employment and Labor Practice Group emphasizes preventive, practical, and creative approaches to employee relations, including:

- *Advising on day-to-day employment issues*, including preparation and review of: employee handbooks; human resource-related policies, procedures, and training; and recommended best practices to avoid litigation.
- *Preparing continuing education and other seminars* for employers and human relations professionals on various employment topics, including updates on changes in the law.
- *Ensuring compliance with applicable wage & hour laws and regulations* before problems arise by auditing client procedures, developing policies and procedures that comply with the laws, and representing clients in enforcement proceedings.
- *Conducting internal investigations* for management related to possible discriminatory conduct or violations of employment law.

Experienced Trial Lawyers

If litigation is required or appropriate, however, we aggressively represent our clients' interests, frequently resolving the matter at the pre-trial stage with a dispositive motion or favorable settlement. We represent clients in a variety of employment-related litigation matters in federal and state courts on matters involving:

- Title VII, the ADA, the ADEA, the FMLA, the EPA, the FLSA, Section 1983, ERISA litigation, state anti-discrimination statutes, and other related litigation such as claims for wrongful discharge, breach of contract, retaliation, whistleblower, violation of non-solicitation or non-competition agreements, and wage and hour matters.
- Matters before administrative agencies including the EEOC, the NLRB, Illinois Human Rights Commission, Missouri Commission of Human Rights, OSHA, Illinois Office of Executive Inspector General, and other state, local, and civil rights agencies.

Related Practices

- Cybersecurity & Privacy Protection
- Healthcare
- Professional Liability
- School & Education