The Labor & Employment Law Future Forum

Strategies for Rapidly Changing Legal, Regulatory and Economic Environments

October 26–27, 2017
The Conference Board
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**Labor and Employment Law**

**Future Forum**

**Day One**

**Thursday, October 26, 2017**

Registration and Continental Breakfast: 8 – 9 am

9 - 9:15 am

**Welcome**

Joan Greco, Program Director, The Conference Board

9:15 – 10:10 am

**Get Ready: The Biggest Labor & Employment Law Challenges on the Horizon**

What legal developments are likely to pose the greatest challenges for organizations in the short-, medium- and long-term, and what can organizations do now to prepare?

Maury Baskin, Shareholder, Littler Mendelson

10:10 – 11:00 am

**Innovations in Inclusion: Leading on Diversity**

Understand the need for and learn new strategies to lead the continuing quest for greater diversity and inclusion at all levels.

William Sailer, Vice President, Legal Counsel, Qualcomm

Morning Networking Break: 11:00 – 11:15 am

11:15 am – 12:30 pm

**Looking Forward on Pay Equity**

Gain insights from our panel on the latest developments at the federal and local levels in reporting requirements; salary transparency; and restriction of inquiries on salary history. How can your organization proactively address evolving expectations in this area?

Panelists:

Victoria Lipnic, Acting Chair, U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

Michele Coleman Mayes, Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary, New York Public Library, Chairwoman, American Bar Association’s Commission on Women in the Profession

Victoria Gorokhovich, Senior Counsel, Employment Law & Litigation, Cigna

Moderator:

Dr. Zev J. Eigen, Global Director of Data Analytics, Littler Mendelson

Lunch: 12:30 – 1:30 pm

1:30 – 2:20 pm

**Global L&E -- What Does That Really Mean?**

Case studies and actionable strategies for international mergers and acquisitions involving the transfer and integration of employees across the globe.

Patricia Kim, Vice President & Chief Counsel, Labor & Employment, Danaher Corporation

2:20 – 3:15 pm

**TCB Research: The Shrinking Labor Force**

Insights from the Conference Board’s Chief Economist on the factors leading to, and the implications of, the tightening North American labor market.

Gad Levanon, Chief Economist, North America, The Conference Board

Afternoon Networking Break: 3:15 - 3:30 pm

3:30 – 4:30 pm

**What is Ahead for H-1B and Other Skilled Guest Worker Programs?**

What factors made reform of H-1B visas a popular campaign promise? What changes might be in store for skilled guest worker programs, and how can employers prepare?

Ron Hira, Associate Professor, Howard University

Closing Remarks: 4:30 – 4:40 pm

Joan Greco, Program Director, The Conference Board

**Day Two**

**Friday, October 27, 2017**

Continental Breakfast: 8:15 – 9 am

Opening Remarks: 9 - 9:15 am

9:15 am – 10:10 am

**Human Capital, In-House Counsel, Outside Counsel: The Delicate Balance**

A case study on how human capital, in-house counsel, and outside counsel for The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey coordinate on labor relations, including direct negotiations with 12 civilian and police unions.

Mary Lee Hannell, Chief, Human Capital, The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey

Robert Long, Shareholder, Littler Mendelson

10:10 – 11:00 am

**Adapting to an Aging Workforce**

Better health and tighter budgets post-recession are leading older Americans to defer retirement, a development employers facing a shrinking labor force may welcome. How should organizations be ready to accommodate an aging workforce?

Lori Trawinski, Director, Financial Security Team, AARP Public Policy Institute

Morning Networking Break: 11:00 – 11:15 am
11:15 am – 12:10 pm

**Reviewing Performance Without “Performance Reviews”**
Many organizations have abandoned the traditional performance review as unhelpful; yet employee needs for feedback remain, and evidence in support of employer actions remains essential. Learn how companies continue to meet these needs while innovating feedback processes.

Teri Wilford Wood, Chief Global HR, General Legal Counsel, IBM

Lunch: 12:10 - 1:10 pm

1:10 pm – 2:50 pm

**The Gig Economy and the Meaning of “Employee”**
How will – and how should – the meaning of “employee” in our regulatory regimes adapt to the evolving gig economy?

Joseph Kennedy, Senior Fellow, Information Technology and Innovation Foundation

Nina Markey, Shareholder; Co-Chair, Staffing, Independent Contractors and Contingent Workers Practice Group, Littler Mendelson

Afternoon Networking Break 2:50 – 3:10 pm

3:10 pm – 4:00 pm

**Case Study: The Kaiser Permanente Labor Partnership**
United States labor relations often revolve around bargaining over a new contract followed by 2-3 years of contract administration, grievance handling and periodic meetings until the process begins again. In 1997, Kaiser Permanente and the Coalition of Kaiser Permanente Unions agreed to a different organizational strategy: the Labor Management Partnership. It remains the largest, longest running such partnership in the country, covering more than 116,000 workers. Learn how this structure has been implemented to jointly lead change, improve performance and engage the workforce, and discover possible strategies for your organization.

Jim Pruitt, Vice President of Labor Relations, Kaiser Permanente

4:00 – 4:50 pm

**The Future of Work**
In the past, technological developments destroyed some jobs while creating new ones, but some wonder if in the coming decades the rate of job displacement through automation and artificial intelligence may significantly accelerate. How should organizations prepare to grapple with this possibility?

Drawing from experiences as an outside counsel, in-house counsel, and now HR leader, Bill Hartman of Boeing shares insights on how the aerospace company has begun to face the increasing impact of automation and artificial intelligence on employment.

William Hartman, Director, Employee Relations, Boeing

Closing Remarks: 4:50 - 5:00 pm

Joan Greco, Program Director, The Conference Board
REGISTRATION INFORMATION

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The Conference Board Conference Center
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