EMPLEE BENEFITS SPRING UPDATE

April 3, 2019

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1330 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Washington, DC

Early Bird Registration Deadline: March 6
Hotel Registration Deadline: March 6

To Register Online or For More Information: www.americanbar.org/jceb/ (202) 662-8641

5.17 CLE Credit Hours (including 1.0 Ethics Hour) have been requested from 60-minute states and 6.20 CLE Credit Hours (including 1.20 Ethics Hours) have been requested from 50-minute states
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AGENDA (As of March 5)

WEDNESDAY • April 3, 2019

10:00  REGISTRATION AND NETWORKING CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

10:30  WELCOMING REMARKS
Co-Chairs: Emily S. Costin, Alston & Bird LLP
          Jason P. Lacey, Foulston, Siefkin LLP
          Alan Tawshunsky, Tawshunsky Law Firm PLLC

10:40  QUALIFIED PLANS
Experienced government and private sector speakers will describe significant pending legislation that would affect qualified plans, as well as guidance on hardship distributions and other issues.
Moderator: Alan Tawshunsky, Tawshunsky Law Firm PLLC
Speaker: Veena K. Murthy, Legislation Counsel, Joint Committee on Taxation, U.S. Congress, (Invited)
Additional Speakers to be Determined

11:30  HOT TOPICS FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE PLANS
This session will address significant recent developments impacting health and welfare benefit plans. Panelists will discuss the Department of Labor’s final rule on Association Health Plans [and recent enforcement activity involving wellness programs]. The panel will also address the recent Tri-Agency regulations on health reimbursement arrangements and related IRS guidance under Internal Revenue Code Section 4980H. [Practitioners on the panel will share insights from recent ACA penalty assessment activity under Code Section 4980H.]
Moderator: Jason P. Lacey, Foulston, Siefkin LLP
Speakers: Kevin P. Knopf, Senior Technician Reviewer, Employee Benefits, Exempt Organizations, and Employment Taxes, Health and Welfare Branch, Internal Revenue Service (Invited)
          Alan Tawshunsky, Tawshunsky Law Firm PLLC
          Additional Speakers To Be Determined

12:20  LUNCH

1:00  THE INS AND OUTS OF FIDUCIARY LIABILITY INSURANCE
This in-depth discussion on fiduciary liability insurance will cover best practices for plan sponsors and plan fiduciaries, evolving trends in insurance products, and various governance actions that can mitigate risk of incurring a claim.
Moderator/
Speaker: Emily S. Costin, Alston & Bird LLP
Speakers: George M. Sepsakos, Groom Law Group
          Wendy K. Von Wald, Travelers Insurance Company
1:50  **EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION**
This session will include an in-depth explanation of recent guidance on significant executive compensation provisions, including the limits on executive compensation under section 162(m) and the excise tax under section 4960 on excess compensation paid by tax exempt employers, and a discussion of ways to deal with issues under these provisions that have not been addressed in guidance.
Moderator: Alan Tawshunsky, Tawshunsky Law Firm PLLC
Speakers: Kurt L.P. Lawson, Hogan Lovells US LLP
          Martha N. Steinman, Hogan Lovells US LLP
          Stephen B. Tackney, Deputy Associate Chief Counsel (Employee Benefits), Employee Benefits, Exempt Organizations, and Employment Taxes, Office of Chief Counsel, Internal Revenue Service (Invited)

2:40  **AFTERNOON BREAK**

3:00  **HOT TOPICS IN ERISA LITIGATION**
Plaintiff and defense counsel will share their views on the latest “hot topics” and developments in ERISA litigation, including key circuit splits and cases headed for the Supreme Court.
Moderator: Emily S. Costin, Alston & Bird LLP
Speakers: Joseph C. Faucher, Trucker Huss APC
          Kirsten Scott, Renaker Hassleman Scott LLP
          Osvaldo Vazquez, Steptoe & Johnson LLP

3:50  **LAWYERS WHO TALK TOO MUCH: ETHICAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PRACTITIONERS**
Employee benefit attorneys often share opinions and commentary on legal matters, such as through client alerts, articles, blog posts, and social media, including reactions to pending litigation, legislation, and rulemaking. What are the ethical considerations related to such communications? With illustrations “ripped from the headlines,” this session will discuss recent guidance, best practices, and lessons learned regarding public statements and other communications by lawyers, including considerations regarding the duty of confidentiality and the bounds of attorney-client privilege.
Speakers: Emily S. Costin, Alston & Bird LLP
          Jason P. Lacey, Foulston Siefkin LLP

4:50  **ADJOURN**

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**FACULTY**

Emily S. Costin, JCEB Chair and Program Co-Chair, Alston & Bird LLP, Washington, DC

Jason P. Lacey, Program Co-Chair, Foulston, Siefkin LLP, Wichita, KS

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Joseph C. Faucher, Trucker Huss APC, San Francisco, CA

Kurt L.P. Lawson, Hogan Lovells US LLP, Washington, DC

Veena K. Murthy, Legislation Counsel, Joint Committee on Taxation, U.S. Congress, Washington, DC (Invited)

Kirsten Scott, Renaker Hassleman Scott LLP, San Francisco, CA

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Martha N. Steinman, Hogan Lovells US LLP, New York, NY

Stephen B. Tackney, Deputy Associate Chief Counsel (Employee Benefits), Employee Benefits, Exempt Organizations, and Employment Taxes, Office of Chief Counsel, Internal Revenue Service, Washington, DC (Invited)

Osvaldo Vazquez, Steptoe & Johnson LLP, Washington, DC

Wendy K. Von Wald, Travelers Insurance Company, Denver, CO

ATTEND THE PROGRAM AND LEARN WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT:

- Potential legislation and other current developments regarding qualified retirement plans.
- Emerging issues affecting health and welfare benefit plans.
- New guidance implementing important changes that the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act made to executive compensation.
- Ins and outs of fiduciary liability insurance.
- Hot topics in ERISA Litigation.
- Ethical considerations when making public comments regarding pending matters.
- Other recent developments that significantly affect employee benefits.

TUITION

Attend the entire program, the breakfast, luncheon, and reception, and network with other registrants and faculty. Registrations must be postmarked, e-mailed or faxed by March 6th to receive the Early Bird discount.

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OR

Receive a **$100** tuition discount if you are also registered for the **2019 ERISA Fiduciary Institute: Know Your Responsibilities** scheduled for April 4th, in Washington, DC.

OR

If two or more register from the same firm, one registrant will receive a **$50** reduction in program tuition! Registrants will have access to the program website to download materials prior to the conference and any additional materials handed out on-site. Each registrant will also be eligible for MCLE accreditation within those states that require continuing legal education.

**SCHOLARSHIPS**
Scholarships to defray the tuition expense for this program are available upon application, on a case-by-case basis. Preference will be given to full-time LL.B. candidates, public interest lawyers, government lawyers, fulltime law professors, solo or small firm practitioners of limited means, and unemployed attorneys. To request an application or receive additional information, contact Karen Case at 202.662.8641 or [Karen.Case@americanbar.org](mailto:Karen.Case@americanbar.org). Scholarship applications must be received at least two weeks before the program start date. You will be notified prior to the program if your application is approved. A minimum fee may be charged on all approved scholarship applications to defray expenses. For programs with tuition costs over $500, qualifying attorneys will receive at least a 50% reduction in the course fees(s).

**COMPLAINT RESOLUTIONS**
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- Until March 6th – 100% Refund minus $50 administrative fee*
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**MCLE**
This course is expected to qualify for 5.17 CLE credit hours (including 1.0 ethics hours) in 60-minute states, and 6.20 credit hours (including 1.2 ethics hours) in 50-minute states. This transitional program is approved for both newly admitted and experienced attorneys in NY. Attorneys may be eligible to receive CLE credit through reciprocity or attorney self-submission in other states.
For more information about CLE accreditation in your state, contact Karen Case at 202.662.8641 or visit http://www.americanbar.org/cle/mandatory_cle.html.

**CPE**
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Recommended CPE Credits and Fields of Study: Program attendees can earn up to 5 CPE credits in Specialized Knowledge and Applications fields of study

Prerequisites: Previous experience in employee benefits law; Advanced Preparation: None; Program Level: Intermediate; Delivery Method: Group-Live

**HOTEL INFORMATION**
**DEADLINE FOR HOTEL RESERVATIONS: Monday, March 12**
If you are interested in booking a hotel room at the St. Gregory Hotel, 2033 M St NW, Washington, DC 20036, contact Karen Case at 202.662.8641 or karen.case@americanbar.org. A limited number of rooms have been set aside for the Employee Benefits Spring Update registrants at $289 for single or double occupancy plus a $20 facility fee. The facility fee includes a daily wine and cheese reception from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm, water bottles in each room, premium internet, coffee service daily in lobby, and Peloton bikes in the Fitness Center. All reservations must be guaranteed with a major credit card.

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**UNABLE TO ATTEND?**
The Digital Audio sets (course materials and downloadable recordings) will be available for purchase approximately 4-6 weeks after the program. To pre-order digital audio sets, visit the ABA web store. Additional information is available by visiting the JCEB web site, [www.americanbar.org/jceb](http://www.americanbar.org/jceb) or calling 202.662.8641.

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   ❖ Section of Taxation, $75  ❖ Section of Tort Trial and Insurance Practice, $50

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