

The Pandemic: Developments Since We Last Met

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- Louisiana Phase 2 Order
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- EPSLA and EFMLA



Phase 2: Louisiana and New Orleans

- Louisiana Phase 2 Order
- <u>New Orleans Phase 2</u>
 <u>Guidelines</u>



COVID-19 Litigation



- Pattern of COVID Litigation
- Work from Home Lawsuit
- Wage and Hour Litigation
- <u>California Class Actions</u>
- <u>COVID Lawsuits Raising</u>
 <u>Other Claims</u>





Louisiana Liability Limitations

- Louisiana Limits COVID-19
 Related Liability
- Five Laws
- Gross Negligence or Willful Conduct Standard
- Good Faith Efforts to Comply Are Key



PPP Changes



- <u>Amendments to Forgiveness</u>
 <u>Rules</u>
- PPP Flexibility Act
- PPP Forgiveness Rules
- PPP Forgiveness
 Application

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EEOC Guidance



- <u>Antibody Tests</u>
- <u>Age Discrimination and</u>
 <u>Other Workplace Concerns</u>
 - Accommodations
 - Harassment
 - Caregivers
 - Pregnancy



OSHA Guidance



- New COVID Record Keeping Rules
- <u>Reopening Guidance</u>
- Masks
- <u>Citation</u>



Return to Work Issues



- Masks
- Essential v. Non-Essential
- Negative Tests
- Symptoms from Other Conditions
- Employees Refusing to Return and Unemployment



EPSLA and **EFMLA**



- Availability of Childcare
 Issues
- EPSLA Reminder



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