

Compliance Year in Review & 2025

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Agenda

- FLSA the newest twist
- NLRB
- PWFA
- LGBTQ
- Your questions!

Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA):

Salary increases for exempt workers went into effect on July 1, 2024 – November 15, 2024, Texas court <u>nullifies</u> regulation and mandatory salary increase.

President-elect Trump silent on regulation

Where were we?

- FLSA Salary Basis Increased:
 - \$844/week July 1, 2024
 - \$1,128/week January 1, 2025
 - Increase every 3 years
 - Still must meet duties test

Where are we now?



- Texas Decision Appealed.
 - But what will President-elect Trump do?
- Back to \$684/week (state/local may vary).
 - Do you reverse any raises?
 - Do you reverse any reclassifications?

NLRB

- Worker Freedom of Speech Acts prohibit "captive audience" meetings.
 - Illinois, Connecticut, Hawaii, New York, and Oregon
 - Limiting employers' ability to conduct mandatory meetings on religious or political matters, including on unionization.
 - Employers cannot discipline or incentivize employees to attend such meetings or listen to related communications.
- Or even just incentivizing attendance.
- Before President-elect Trump, NLRB weighed in and made this a national prohibition.
- Will this survive after the inauguration?

Pregnant Workers Fairness Act (PWFA):

- Went into effect in July 2023 but Final regulations issued in April 2024
- Applies to employers with 15 or more employees
- Limited documentation requests
- Certain accommodations were automatic
- Made 40 week leave of absence almost always reasonable.
- September 2024 saw the first two Federal PWFA lawsuits filed by the EEOC



PWFA

- Likely rollback of regulations
- Likely targeted at the breadth of the act covering abortions, menopause and infertility
- Employer rights to information and length of absences.

LGBTQ:

• EEOC issued GUIDANCE that made actions such as the repeated and intentional use of a name or pronoun inconsistent with the individual's known gender identity (misgendering), or denying an individual access to a bathroom consistent with their gender identity, evidence of sex discrimination

• President-elect Trump's pick for EEOC Chair has publicly stated opposition to this guidance.

YOUR QUESTIONS!!!



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