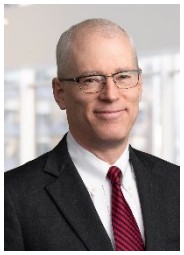


Our Speakers



Peter Steinmeyer

Member of the Firm, Epstein Becker Green

When a highly valuable employee moves from one company to another, attorney Pete Steinmeyer is an employer's first call. Whether losing an employee to a competitor or hiring one away, companies trust Pete to respond at a moment's notice with practical advice in plain English.

Outside of his employee mobility practice, Pete counsels employers on responding to a wide variety of workplace challenges, including discipline and discharge. He also leads investigations of alleged workplace misconduct, such as harassment and retaliation. Through close communication and meticulous analysis of the details, Pete uncovers potential problems early. And when the facts show his client is in the right, he'll fight to the end to prove it.

Pete is a thought leader who frequently writes and speaks about employment and workforce mobility issues. He has been quoted in The Wall Street Journal, The National Law Journal, The Chicago Tribune, Law360, and other publications. Pete is also Managing Shareholder of Epstein Becker Green's Chicago office. In his free time, Pete is an avid golfer constantly in pursuit of his next great shot. He's also a history buff and a hiker. He was formerly a member of the hearing board for the Illinois Attorney Registration & Disciplinary Commission.



Jon Hoag

Amundsen Davis, LLC

Jon is a management-side labor and employment attorney with a practice dedicated to advising employers on the full range of workplace issues that impact business operations, workforce management, and legal compliance. Jon counsels businesses across industries on wage and hour compliance, leave laws, employee relations, workplace safety, performance management, and disciplinary issues. He also defends employers in a wide range of employment litigation.



Michael Hughes

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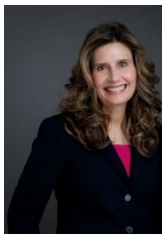
Mike is a partner in Amundsen Davis's Labor & Employment Service Group, where he represents employers in a broad range of labor relations, employment litigation, and counseling matters. Mike provides practical, business-focused counsel that helps employers navigate complex workplace and workforce management issues while achieving their organizational objectives. Mike's practice places a particular emphasis on traditional labor relations. He has extensive experience representing employers before the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) in unfair labor practice and representation proceedings.



Beverly Alfon

Partner, Amundsen Davis, LLC

Beverly is a partner in Amundsen Davis's Labor & Employment Service Group, counseling a wide range of employers on compliance with state and federal employment laws, employment policy development, employment negotiation, and separation agreements, and conducting internal investigations. Beverly currently serves on the Illinois Department of Labor Advisory Board. She is also a frequent speaker on labor relations and employment matters, including seminars for the Illinois Chamber of Commerce, Illinois Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc., and other trade associations.



Samantha Dailey

Vice President of Human Resources, The Suter Company

Samantha Dailey is the Vice President of Human Resources at The Suter Company in Sycamore, Illinois. She provides strategic leadership across all areas of human resources, including talent acquisition, compensation and benefits, employee relations, compliance, workforce planning, leadership development, and workplace safety. Samantha has over 30 years of human resources experience in the manufacturing and banking industries. She earned her bachelor's degree from Indiana University and holds the SPHR, SHRM-SCP, and CPSP professional certifications.



Sheila M. Williams, SPHR, SHRM-SCP, SHRBP, CCP

Owner & Founder, Navigate HR Plus

Sheila Williams is a seasoned HR executive with more than 30 years of experience, including serving as Chief Human Resources Officer for a global manufacturing organization. In 2019, she left corporate HR to pursue her passion for mentoring and founded Navigate HR Plus. In 2021, she joined VisionLink as a Senior Compensation Consultant, where she partners with organizations across industries to build HR and compensation strategies that align with business objectives and create competitive advantage. Sheila helps organizations turn compensation from their highest cost into a strategic investment that drives recruiting, retention, performance, and growth.



Pete Hansen

Partner, Amundsen Davis, LLC

As a former Human Resources supervisor, Peter understands the challenges his clients face, including being on the receiving end of a lawsuit brought on by a former employee. As a partner in Amundsen Davis's Labor & Employment Service Group, Peter defends employers against claims of discrimination and retaliation under the state and federal laws, including the ADA, ADEA, FMLA, FLSA, IHRA, and Title VII. He represents clients in all phases of state, federal and administrative agency litigation and government hearings and works with employers of all sizes many different industries, including security, construction, health care, and nonprofit.



Bailey Whitsitt

Associate Attorney, The Prinz Law Firm

Bailey's practice combines litigation, day-to-day employment counseling, and proactive compliance strategies, providing clients with practical, business-minded advice while remaining focused on achieving fair workplace outcomes.

Bailey advises employers on all aspects of the employment relationship, including employee handbooks and workplace policies, employment and restrictive covenant agreements, wage and hour compliance, accommodations and leave issues, workplace investigations, separations, and evolving employment laws. She also assists employers with workplace trainings, compliance initiatives, and other preventative measures designed to minimize legal risk and foster legally compliant, productive workplace cultures. In addition to her employer-side work, Bailey represents employees in employment disputes, drawing upon her extensive experience with business and compliance counseling.

Bailey earned her J.D., cum laude, from Loyola University Chicago School of Law.