



# EMPLOYMENT LITIGATION CONFERENCE

Renaissance Newport Beach Hotel  
Thursday, January 22, 2026 | Newport Beach, CA

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**8:15 AM – 9:00 AM – Breakfast and Registration (Orchid Terrace)**

**9:00 AM – 9:15 AM – Opening Remarks from the Chairs (Citrus Ballroom)**

**Mimi Ahn, Esq.**, Kahana Feld LLP, Irvine, CA

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**9:15 AM – 10:15 AM – Labor and Employment Law Update**

- Federal overview and impact of significant employment law court decisions from 2025
- New California employment laws and developments for 2026

**Ron S. Brand, Esq.**, Fisher & Phillips LLP, Irvine, CA

**Sarah K. Goldstein, Esq.**, O'Hagan Meyer, Newport Beach, CA

**Shawn M. Larsen, Esq.**, Larsen & Naddour LLP, Irvine, CA

**10:15 AM – 11:00 AM – ADA/Employer Leave**

- Mental health related EPL Claims
- The disappearing hybrid work environment

**Christopher J. Campbell, Esq.**, Lydecker, Los Angeles, CA

**Eric Rasyidi**, Associate General Counsel, Glidewell, Irvine, CA

**11:00 AM – 11:15 AM – Break**

**11:15 AM – 12:15 PM – Current issues and Trends in Wage and Hour Practices**

- Recent Developments
- PAGA Updates and reform
- Notable NLRA decisions and policy shifts

**Avi M. Attal, Esq.**, CDF Labor Law LLP, Irvine, CA

**Katrice A. Miller**, Partner Labor Relations, Starbucks Corporation, Chicago, IL  
**William Mosher, Esq.**, Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith LLP, Los Angeles, CA  
**Brian A. Selvan, Esq.**, Walraven & Westerfeld LLP, Aliso Viejo, CA

### **12:15 PM – 1:15 PM – Networking Lunch (Orchid Terrace)**

### **1:15 PM – 2:15 PM – Emerging Technology & Resulting Employer Liability (AI)**

**Bryant Baloloy**, Chief Executive Officer, Diamond Head Specialty, Los Angeles, CA  
**Stephanie F. Jones, Esq.**, Gordon Rees, Chicago, IL  
**Robert P. Powers, Esq.**, Melick & Porter, LLP, Boston, MA

### **2:15 PM – 3:00 PM – SCOTUS Decision - Stanley V. City of Sanford**

- ADA in the Post Covid Workplace

**Brad Stuckey, Esq.**, Kahana Feld LLP, Los Angeles, CA  
**Brian M. Wacker, Esq.**, The Cook Group, St. Louis, MO

### **3:00 PM – 3:10 PM – Break**

### **3:10 PM – 4:00 PM – EPLI and Claims Handling: Navigating the EPLI Maze**

- Recent trends in the types of employment cases emerging in California
- Key differences in EPL coverage for claims brought in California
- Evolution of defense strategies for California employment claims over recent years

**Moderator: Julie Van Wert, Esq.**, Cozen O'Connor, Los Angeles, CA  
**Colleen M. Corriston**, Assistant Vice President, EPLI, Chubb, New York, NY  
**Zohar Lushe, Esq.**, Senior Claims Counsel, EPL, Sompo, Garden City, NY

### **4:00 PM – 4:45 PM – Sexual Orientation & Gender Identity Claims**

- Sexual Orientation & Gender Identity: Persistent Litigation Risk
- “Jokes,” Inappropriate Comments or Conduct, Bias, and Hostility Become Litigation Risk
- Job-Related Criteria Only: Your Shield Against Hiring Discrimination Claims
- Bias Complaints Demand Investigation Before Action
- Neutrality in Process Builds Resolution in Outcome

**Mimi Ahn, Esq.**, Kahana Feld LLP, Irvine, CA  
**George Bean, Esq.**, George Bean Law, Tustin, CA  
**Hon. Halim Dhanidina (Ret.)**, Signature Resolution, California  
**Javier Rivera-Carbone, Esq.**, Rivera Carbone PC, Irvine, CA

**4:45 PM – 5:45 PM – Networking Cocktail Reception (Orchid Terrace)**  
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**Newport Beach, CA 92660**

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