

### **Employment Law From A to Z in Georgia**

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#### **Critical Issues on the Agenda**

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8:00 ам — 8:30 ам 8:30 ам — 8:45 ам	Registration Overview
	— Frederick L. Warren III, Esq.
8:45 am — 9:45 am	The Hiring Process — Sharon P. Morgan, Esg., and William A. Pinto Jr., Esg.
	<ul> <li>Staffing Plans: Considerations for Formulating and Implementing a Plan to Recruit the Right Employee</li> <li>Background Checks: Navigating the Legal Minefield</li> <li>Orientation: Managing Litigation Risk by Explaining and Documenting Key Rules</li> </ul>
9:45 ам — 11:00 ам	Wage and Hour Pitfalls, and Update
	<ul> <li>Frederick L. Warren III, Esq.</li> <li>Hours Worked and Calculating Overtime Compensation</li> <li>Revised DOL Overtime Exemptions</li> </ul>
11:00 ам — 11:10 ам	Break
11:10 ам — 12:00 рм	Workplace Violence – How to Prevent It; How to Deal With It — Henry D. Fellows Jr., Esg.
	<ul> <li>Overview</li> <li>Development of a Program to Prevent Workplace Violence <ul> <li>Written Policy Statement</li> <li>Employee Handbook</li> </ul> </li> <li>Prevention <ul> <li>Warning Signs of Violence</li> <li>Training</li> <li>Pre-Employment Screening</li> <li>Security Measures</li> </ul> </li> <li>Fact Finding and Investigation</li> <li>Negligent Hiring and Retention</li> <li>Domestic Violence</li> <li>Closing Remarks</li> </ul>
12:00 рм — 1:00 рм	Lunch (On Your Own)
1:00 рм — 1:45 рм	<ul> <li>Harassment in the Workplace — Benjamin P. Fryer, Esq.</li> <li>What Is Unlawful Harassment?</li> <li>Recent Cases on Harassment</li> <li>Employer's Proactive Responses to Minimize Risk</li> </ul>
1:45 рм — 2:30 рм	<ul> <li>ADA, FMLA and Job Attendance — Frederick L. Warren III, Esq.</li> <li>ADA Basics: Disability Under the Americans With Disabilities Act</li> <li>FMLA Basics: Serious Health Condition Under the Family and Medical Leave Act</li> <li>Attendance Issues and Getting Employees Back to Work</li> </ul>
2:30 рм — 2:40 рм	Break
2:40 рм — 3:40 рм	Arbitration and Peer Review Programs
	<ul> <li>Sharon P. Morgan, Esq., and William A. Pinto Jr., Esq.</li> <li>Mandatory Arbitration: Solution or Problem?</li> <li>Designing and Rolling Out a Mandatory Arbitration Program</li> <li>Recent Arbitration Cases</li> <li>Peer Review: A Better Alternative?</li> </ul>
3:40 рм — 4:30 рм	Employee Discipline and Termination
	<ul> <li>Henry D. Fellows Jr., Esq.</li> <li>At-Will Employees</li> <li>Discipline Issues</li> <li>Termination Issues</li> <li>Steps to Take to Avoid Litigation Relating to Discipline and Termination of Employment</li> </ul>

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Benjamin P. Fryer, Esq., is an attorney in the Atlanta office of Ford & Harrison LLP, where he practices in the areas of traditional labor law and employment law. Mr. Fryer's practice encompasses all areas relating to the counseling, representation and training of management clients. He has represented clients in federal and state courts, the National Labor Relations Board, and mediations and arbitrations. Mr. Fryer also engages in preventive law, including drafting and reviewing employment forms, policies and handbooks. He received his undergraduate degree, cum laude, in economics from The George Washington University and his law degree from the University of Virginia School of Law.

Sharon P. Morgan, Esq., a partner with Elarbee, Thompson, Sapp & Wilson, LLP, represents employers nationwide in employment-related litigation. She emphasizes a proactive approach to employment issues, assisting clients in the development and implementation of policies; providing employee training on policies and current employment laws; and counseling employers in situations of employee discipline, termination and complaints of discrimination or other unlawful treatment. Ms. Morgan focuses primarily on defending actions relating to a broad range of federal and state employment claims, including sexual harassment; race, disability and age discrimination; and breach of contract.

She has represented employers in trials in Georgia, North Carolina, Alabama, Florida and Tennessee. Ms. Morgan is a member of the American Bar Association, the State Bar of Georgia, the Atlanta Bar Association, the North Carolina Bar Association, the Georgia Association for Women Lawyers and The Lawyers Club of Atlanta. She earned a B.S. degree, magna cum laude, from East Carolina University and a J.D. degree from the University of North Carolina.

William A. Pinto Jr., Esq., is an attorney with Elarbee, Thompson, Sapp & Wilson, LLP. He represents management in a variety of labor and employment matters, including litigation involving claims of employment discrimination under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Fair Labor Standards Act. Mr. Pinto represents companies in labor arbitrations and disputes with the National Labor Relations Board. His practice also focuses on assisting companies with day-to-day employment decisions concerning discipline and discharge to reduce the charges of litigation. Mr. Pinto works with a variety of employers regionally and nationwide, including restaurant chains, engineering and construction companies, and manufacturing and customer care operations. He is a member of the American Bar Association, the State Bar of Georgia and the Atlanta Bar Association. Mr. Pinto earned a B.A. degree, cum laude, from Asbury College; an M.Ed. degree from the University of Kentucky; and a J.D. degree, with honors, from the University of Florida.

Frederick L. Warren III, Esq., is a partner in the Atlanta office of Ford & Harrison LLP. He handles all aspects of labor and employment law, including traditional labor law and employment litigation. Mr. Warren has defended both individual and class action cases, and has substantial jury trial experience. He has handled numerous mediations and arbitrations. Mr. Warren devotes a significant part of his practice to preventive law and advising clients how to avoid/resolve labor and employment disputes and litigation. He graduated magna cum laude from the University of Georgia and its law school, with honors. Mr. Warren is listed in The Best Lawyers in America.

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- process describe the pitfalls of wage and hour law
- identify the steps to proper discipline and termination



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