



# Stamford Breakfast Briefing

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# Employee Handbook Workshop:

Creating Effective and Consistent Policies that Get the Job Done

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#### **Presenters**

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## Agenda

8:30 – 9:00 a.m.	Registration and Breakfast
9:00 – 10:30 a.m.	Presentation
10:30 – 10:45 a.m.	Break
10:45 – 12:00 p.m.	Presentation Continued
12:00 – 1:00 p.m.	Luncheon
1:00 – 2:00 p.m.	Presentation Continued
2:00 – 2:30 p.m.	Ouestions & Answers

### **Briefing Background**

#### **Employee Handbook Workshop**

- Employee handbooks reduce the risk of employee lawsuits and may strengthen the company's defenses, if sued. Hear how to create and/or update your handbook to best protect your company from a variety of claims (e.g., breach of contract, discrimination, retaliation, non-payment of bonuses, violations of wage & hour, leave of absence laws, etc.) and reduce its potential liability.
- Does your company have many "unwritten" rules? Are your policies applied consistently and fairly? Do you need a union-avoidance strategy? If so, it's time to review your current Handbook!
- Does your company make promises it cannot keep? Understand how courts view the contractual nature of employee handbooks and avoid common pitfalls.
- Review EBG's model policies and discuss how to set the right tone and create policies that are properly tailored to your business and industry.
- How do you ensure that employees read the handbook? Is an on-line handbook right for your company? How often should your handbook be updated and distributed? This seminar will address practical issues, too.
- Learn how to protect your company's confidential and proprietary information from unauthorized disclosure and prevent abuse of its e-mail and other electronic communications systems.
- Employee handbooks are not just for "big" companies. State anti-discrimination laws apply to business with as few as 3 employees. If your company does not have an employee handbook yet this seminar is right for you!

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