

# Stamford Breakfast Briefing

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# **Absent or AWOL?**

Managing Employee Absences
Under
State and Federal Laws

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### Agenda

8:00 - 8:30 a.m. Registration and Breakfast 8:30 - 10:35 a.m. Presentation

10:35 – 11:00 a.m. Ouestions and Answers

## **Briefing Background**

#### Absent or AWOL?

Managing Employee Absences Under State and Federal Laws

- The days of employees simply calling in "sick" are history. Instead, businesses are left to struggle with a variety of employee-requested leaves of absence, such as medical, personal, family, military, etc.
- There are a number of federal and state laws (ADA, FMLA, USERRA, Worker's Compensation, etc.) that impact employees' rights and employers' obligations in dealing with employee absences.
- In this two-hour seminar, we will explore the various laws that permit an employee to be absent, and discuss ways to manage that employee, improve your company's policies and reduce the likelihood of litigation.
- We will also address the differences between disabled and injured employees, and how to ensure that your company's policies and procedures are in compliance with current law.

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