## EMPLOYMENT LAW SEMINAR FOR EMPLOYERS

# DOCUMENTATION, PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS and EMPLOYEE HANDBOOKS

#### Presented by:

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Expert guidance will be provided in this fastpaced workshop which will cover the importance of proper and timely employment documentation, how to conduct performance evaluations and the benefits of having an up-to-date, legally enforceable employee handbook for your employees. Bring your questions and concerns!

~ Continental Breakfast will be served~

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#### **Seminar Outline**

- I. What is Documentation?
- II. The Purpose and Philosophy of Documentation: Why Bother?
- III. The Importance of Documentation in Today's Litigious Environment
- IV. The Various Forms of Documentation
  - a. Job Applications
  - b. Offer Letters
  - c. Employee Warning Notices
  - d. Performance Evaluations
  - e. Employee Handbooks
  - f. Written Job Objectives and Job Descriptions
- V. The Supervisor's Feelings in Preparing any Documentation
- VI. Key Approaches in Preparing any Documentation
  - a. Objectivity
  - b. Subjectivity
- VII. How do you Prepare Effective Documentation?
  - a. Formal vs. Informal
  - b. Timing
  - c. Frequency
  - d. Involving Human Resources
  - e. Employee's Signature
  - f. Consequences
- VIII. Meeting with the Employee
  - IX. How to Prepare Employee Warning Notices
    - a. Paragraph #1 Purpose of the notice
    - b. Paragraph #2 What did the employee do or not do?
    - c. Paragraph #3 What rule or policy did the employee violate?
    - d. Paragraph #4 Consequences to the organization for violations of this policy
    - e. Paragraph #5 Management's plan for the employee regarding this violation (notice, warning, probation, suspension, termination, etc.)
    - f. Paragraph #6 Consequences should a violation reoccur in the future
    - g. Paragraph #7 Future meetings to coach the employee
    - h. Signatures of both the supervisor and employee
  - X. Group Exercise