

## **BREAKFAST BRIEFING**

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# Mental Disability: An Analysis of the Interactive Process and Reasonable Accommodation

### Presented by Robert Fried, Partner

Employers can find themselves on the wrong side of a claim when mental health issues arise in the workplace and those issues are not addressed or treated appropriately. Recognizing, addressing and accommodating an employee's needs can often be a difficult task, but signals during employee evaluations, employees not "fitting" in, casual talk in the break room, or apparent job "burn-out" may require attention. Areas of focus include:

- Myths and stereotypes about mental disabilities
- Recognizing barriers to employment
- · Signals that often go unrecognized that indicate a disability
- Checklist approach to the interactive and reasonable accommodation process
- Identifying possible accommodations
- Exceptions to the reasonable accommodation requirement
- The special needs of trauma, PTSD and abuse victims
- The special needs of veterans, first responders and physicians at risk

Join us for this **complimentary** informative session to unravel the many facets of the interactive process and reasonable accommodation. Through the use of case examples depicting everyday workplace scenarios, we will offer a tangible process to identify and address accommodation needs in an effort to insulate your organization from disability discrimination claims.

#### **Date/Location**

Friday, September 20, 2019
Registration | Breakfast: 8:30 a.m.
Program: 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.

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