



Domestic Partner Benefits, Rights and Responsibilities: What Every Lawyer Needs to Know

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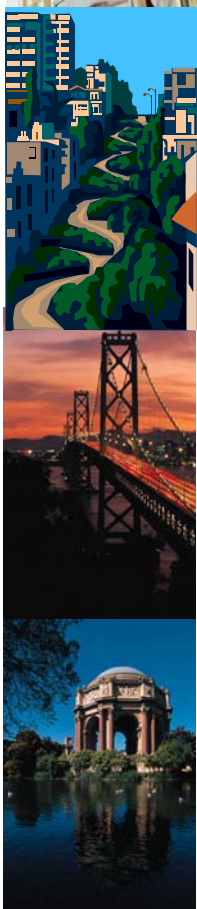
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Description:



The legal issues surrounding domestic partnerships and same sex marriages have become increasingly significant and complex. The landmark decision by the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts in *Goodridge v. Department of Public Health, 440 Mass. 309 (2003)* opened the door for same sex residents of Massachusetts to marry. Several other states and local jurisdictions have passed legislation which recognizes domestic partners through Civil Unions and Domestic Partner Registries. Additionally, a growing number of Fortune 500 companies now offer health care benefits to domestic partners. While these state and local laws give numerous rights to domestic partners, none of them confer rights to pension and related benefits regulated by federal laws. This growing divide between federal laws, such as ERISA, and state laws granting domestic partners benefits, creates increasing legal challenges. This expert panel of employment and employee benefit lawyers will address these current legal issues surrounding the benefits, rights and responsibilities of domestic partners.

Moderator:

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