# **Employee Leave: Navigating the Morass**

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### The Alphabet Soup of Leave



### **Employment Laws**

There are many laws that govern the employeremployee relationship, including:

ADA: Americans with Disabilities Act

FMLA: Family Medical Leave Act

PDCRA/MHCRA: Persons with Disabilities Civil

Rights Act/ Michigan Handicappers Civil Rights Act

WDCA: Workers Disability Compensation Act



• Some Statutes Expressly Provide for Employee Leave or Compensation During Leave:

FMLA & WDCA

### Some Statutes Impose . . .

A Leave Requirement by Implication and Interpretation:

ADA and PDCRA/MHCRA



### The Revolving Door of Leave

Does the decision regarding employee leave only need review under one statute?

NO - MORE THAN ONE STATUTE MAY BE IMPLICATED BY A CERTAIN SET OF CIRCUMSTANCES



#### **Pitfalls**

Personal Liability



#### **Thank You**

