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TODAY'S AGENDA

Gabe Oberfield – (12:00PM-12:05PM)

- Agenda
- Primary Day in NYS
- SCOTUS

Seth Gilbertson – (12:05PM-12:15PM)

• OCR Resolves Title VI Complaints Against Two High-Profile Universities

Devin Karas – (12:15PM-12:25PM)

• Important Reminders: Competing Beneficiary Claims and 5500 Remittance Reporting and Correction

Nicole Macris – (12:25PM-12:35PM)

• Third Department's recent decision in Cuomo v. New York State Commission on Ethics and Lobbying in Government

Cecily Capo - (12:35PM-12:45PM)

• Introduction of the Proposed Federal American Privacy Rights Act

G. Oberfield – (12:45PM)

Wrap Up



Primary Day in New York State

- Contested primaries across New York State
- Key Democratic Congressional Primaries
 - 1st Congressional District –Goroff vs. Avlon
 - 16th Congressional District Bowman vs. Latimer
 - 22nd Congressional District Mannion vs. Hood
- Key Assembly Primaries
 - Seats currently held by:
 - AM Gibbs (Harlem)
 - AM Kim (Queens)
 - AM O'Donnell (retiring Upper West Side of Manhattan)
 - AM Zinerman (Brooklyn)



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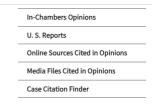


George Latimer
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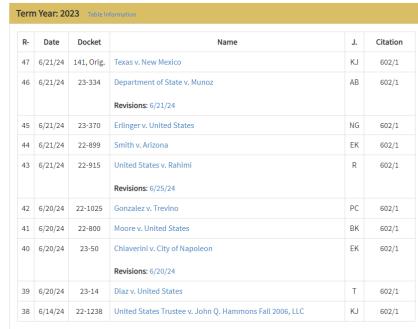
Supreme Court of the United States

- Major decisions of the Supreme Court are pending as June 2024 closes...
 - More expected before week's end and the commencement of the Court's traditional summer recess
 - Updates will be shared during future Business in 2024 programs



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Credit: Website of the Supreme Court of the United States



Developments in Title VI Enforcement



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Title VI - Civil Rights Act of 1964

Purpose: Prohibits discrimination on the basis of *race, color, or national origin* in programs and activities receiving federal financial assistance.

 Includes discrimination based on shared ancestry (e.g., Jewish, Israeli, Palestinian, Arab, Muslim, and/or South Asian ancestry and/or the association with these national origins/ancestries).

Scope: Applies to all entities receiving federal funds, including schools, hospitals, and government agencies.

Enforcement: Overseen by various federal agencies, primarily the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights (OCR).



Title VI Compliance

Policy Development: Institutions must develop and implement policies to ensure non-discrimination.

Training and Education: Regular training for staff and students on Title VI requirements and anti-discrimination practices.

Complaint Procedures: Establish procedures for handling discrimination complaints and conducting investigations.



Uncertainty & Tension

Recent OCR Investigations and Resolutions have emphasized the college or university's obligation to <u>respond promptly and</u> <u>effectively</u> to harassment (including hostile environment).

- What is harassment vs. protected speech?
 - O How to respond to speech that looks like both?
 - How to allow speech and debate while responding to and preventing a hostile environment?



Practical Advice

- Adopt robust complaint handling mechanisms
 - Time to review your policy
 - Consider Title IX process as a model
- Have a process for distinguishing free speech from harassment
- Conduct proactive campus climate assessments
- Implement comprehensive training programs and ensure consistent and transparent procedures



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What Is Being Proposed:



ENHANCED CONSUMER PROTECTION



INCREASED TRANSPARENCY



DATA MINIMIZATION

Who It Applies To

Most individuals, entities, and non-profits who:

• collect, process, retain, or transfer covered data

Covered data:

 any information that identifies or is reasonably linked to an individual or device

Enhanced Personal Data Protection

- Greater control over personal data – examples
 - Affirmative consent to transfer sensitive information
 - Option to access, correct, export, or delete data

Increased Transparency

- Public policy requirements
 - Category of data being collected, processed, or retained
 - Length of time each category will be retained
 - Purpose each category is retained for
 - Notice of material changes



 Restriction of data collection outside of a specific purpose – only store what you need

Key Takeaways







THIS IS NOT IN PLACE YET

180-DAY EFFECTIVE DATE

DETERMINE WHETHER YOU FALL UNDER A COVERED ENTITY

Your Questions



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New York Employment Law: The Essential Guide

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