Employee Benefits and COVID-19



Employee benefits are a key component of employees' compensation. COVID-19 and its impact on employees' physical and mental wellbeing has highlighted the importance of employee benefits to employees and employers and has led to changes in benefit plans. In this webinar, we will discuss the impact of the pandemic on employee benefits over the course of the pandemic and the coming months. Topics discussed will include:

- An overview of legislative developments relevant to employee benefits including the expansion of protected leaves of absence
- The impact of remote work on employee benefits
- Changes in employee benefits over the course of the pandemic including an expansion of virtual health options and an increased focus on employee mental health
- Potential future trends in employee benefits and what to expect over the coming months

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About the Speaker

Veronica Rossos is a Partner and a member of the Miller Thomson's Labour & Employment group. While her practice focus is on labour and employment, she also has extensive experience in commercial litigation. Veronica is called to the BC and Ontario Bars, and she has appeared in superior and appellate level courts, provincial and federal human rights tribunals, and labour relations boards in British Columbia, Alberta and Ontario.

Veronica has advised clients across Canada and in numerous industries including mining, food processing, real estate and property management, information technology, shipping and logistics, and construction and infrastructure. She has assisted employers with all manner of workplace, employment, human rights, and labour relations issues including:

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- obtaining and/or resisting applications for injunctive relief;
- negotiating collective agreements;
- interpreting and implementing collective agreements, employment contracts, and employment policies;
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- advising clients on issues of the liability of directors and officers and fiduciary duties and obligations;
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