

Friday, January 23, 2026

8:30 – 11:45 a.m.

Employment & Labor Law Section

3.0 MCLE Credit Hours, including 3.0 Employment & Labor Law Specialization Credit

Supreme Court Commission on CLE Course #: 260133

Room Location: 102-104

Employment Law Update

This advanced-level seminar will explore timely topics and recent developments in employment law, including presidentially promulgated expansions to the FCA regarding DEI initiatives; representing whistleblowers in high-stakes litigation; addressing and accommodating mental health disability in the workplace; and a panel presentation on recent updates to the law that affects South Carolina teachers.

Agenda

8:30 – 9:15 a.m. New False Claims Act Implications for Employer's DEI Programs

Sheila Abron
Fisher Phillips
Columbia, SC

Nekki Shutt
Burnette Shutt McDaniel
Columbia, SC

Johanna Valenzuela
Kenison, Dudley & Crawford, LLC
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9:15 – 10 a.m. Lessons from Representing High Profile Whistleblowers

Rob Turkewitz
Law Office of Robert M. Turkewitz
Charleston, SC

10 – 10:15 a.m. Break

10:15 – 11 a.m. "I Tell You, Jerry, at That Moment, I Was a Marine Biologist" George Costanza, the AD, and Mental Health

Stephanie Sandifer
Clement Rivers, LLP
Charleston, SC

Brian Quisenberry
Clement Rivers, LLP
Charleston, SC

11– 11:45 a.m.

The ABCs of TEDA in 2026: A Panel Discussion on SC Teacher Laws

Reginald Belcher
Turner Padgett Graham & Laney, PA
Columbia, SC

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