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# **SYMPOSIUM SCHEDULE**

### FUTURE OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT LAW: POWER, POLICIES, AND POLITICS

**8:00** AM

#### REGISTRATION

Bradbury Thompson Alumni Center, Washburn University

8:30 WELCOME ADDRESS

**THOMAS J. ROMIG**, Dean and Professor of Law, Washburn University School of Law **CRISTEN R. HINTZE**, J.D. Candidate '17, Editor-in-Chief, *Washburn Law Journal* 

**9:00** AM

**KEYNOTE PRESENTATION** 

RICHARD F. GRIFFIN, JR., General Counsel, National Labor Relations Board

**9:45** AM

#### PANEL I - THE EEOC'S EXPANSION OF TITLE VII TO INCLUDE SEXUAL ORIENTATION DISCRIMINATION

With sexual orientation and transgender issues making daily headlines, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission has determined that Title VII's sex discrimination provision goes beyond simple anatomy to include protection for gender identity and sexual orientation. This panel will discuss the rationale, implications, and judicial treatment of this interpretation.

**NAOMI SCHOENBAUM**, Associate Professor of Law, The George Washington University Law School

**CYNTHIA A. BROWN**, Attorney, Brown and Associates, PLLC; and former Associate Professor of Law, Eastern Kentucky University

WALTER OLSON, Senior Fellow, Cato Institute

**E. PIERCE BLUE**, Attorney Advisor to Commissioner Chai R. Feldblum, U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

*Moderator:* **THOMAS WITT**, Executive Director, Equality Kansas



**BOX LUNCH** (PROVIDED TO ADVANCE REGISTRANTS)

## 12:45 PM

#### PANEL 2 - RELIGIOUS FREEDOM AND ACCOMMODATION ISSUES ARISING FROM REGULATORY EXPANSIONS

This panel will discuss how the EEOC's expansion of Title VII and the National Labor Relations Board's actions to expand jurisdiction over religious organizations may impact the free exercise of religion and religious accommodation in the workplace. This panel will also consider the scope and limits of agency jurisdiction over religious and religiously affiliated employers.

**DWAYNE LESLIE**, Associate Director, Department of Public Affairs and Religious Liberty; Director of Legislative Affairs, General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

**MARCIA L. MCCORMICK**, Professor, Center for Employment Law, Saint Louis University School of Law

**JOSEPH MASTROSIMONE**, Associate Professor of Law, Washburn University School of Law

Moderator: JULIE M. COVEL, General Attorney, National Labor Relations Board



#### PANEL 3 - THE STUBBORN PROBLEM OF UNPAID, UNREGULATED, AND ILLEGAL LABOR

This panel will focus on the complications and consequences of utilizing unpaid labor with respect to interns, volunteers, and student athletes; illegal labor such as undocumented workers, forced labor, and human trafficking; and unregulated labor such as the classification of employees as independent contractors under ondemand business models. Panelists are invited to discuss the role of legislatures and administrative agencies in addressing these problems.

**LETICIA SAUCEDO**, Professor of Law, University of California, Davis, School of Law

**JULIET STUMPF**, Robert E. Jones Professor of Advocacy and Ethics, Lewis & Clark Law School

**SACHIN S. PANDYA**, Professor of Law, University of Connecticut School of Law

**CHARLOTTE ALEXANDER**, Assistant Professor of Law, Georgia State University College of Law

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