## September 2023 Newsletter

## Speakers and Topies

 Invites you to
## SECURE RCT 2.0 UPDATE G RETIREMEIT DISRUPTORS BY 2030

With Daniel Dekat, CRPC
Learning Objective:
Learn about the changing landscape and regulations of employer sponsored retirement plans .

## Details:



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## A THIRD DWI/DUI?

An employee comes to HR and reveals that he has just been convicted of his third DWI/DUI. He tells you that the court ordered him to attend group meetings to help him stop drinking behind the wheel. The problem is that these groups meet during the weekdays and at times he is supposed to be in the office working. He has no more PTO and is ineligible for FMLA.

You send out a company-wide email on his behalf asking for volunteers to cover for this employee for when he is supposed to attend these meetings. A lot of employees volunteer, but not enough to cover all of his times away from work.

So he starts taking unexcused time off to attend these meetings. You eventually fire him for taking too much unexcused time off. He sues your company under the ADA, claiming that it failed to reasonably accommodate him by not excusing this time off. He argues that his alcoholism is his disability and that his request for excused time off to attend these meetings is a reasonable accommodation request.

The employee loses his case, even though alcoholism is generally considered to be a disability under the ADA, and requesting some time off to address his alcoholism oftentimes can be considered reasonable.

The court overseeing Texas held that the employer did not violate the ADA by refusing to excuse his time off to attend the group meetings. The court reasoned that he requested this accommodation not for something like medical treatment ordered by a doctor, but from his court-ordered obligation to attend the meetings. Thus, his request attempted to satisfy a legal obligation, which the ADA does not cover in this instance.

I think the moral of the story is to examine closely the reason behind an employee's accommodation request. To help the employee qualify for protected time off under the ADA, suggest that he acquire a note from his treating physician explaining why he is requesting something based on a medical necessity.

## TEXOMA HR <br> September 2023 Newsletter

## Uporing EVENTS

Registration deadline: Monday, October 9th 5:00pm
Lunch is included with your registration!


Payment is required at registration and is non-refundable.
Registration will cancel if payment is not received within 15 minutes of registration.
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## Scholarships

UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS:

CERTIFICATION AWARDS

| Scholarship/ <br> Award | Application Opens | Deadline | Intended Audience |
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| SHRM-CP or SHRM- <br> SCP Certiflcation <br> Grants \#1 | August 8, 2023 | October 11, 2023 | Pros \& Emerging |
| Specialty Credentials | August 8, 2023 | October 11, 2023 | Pros \& Emerging |
| SHRM-CP or SHRM- <br> SCP Certiflcation <br> Grants \#2 | April 9,2024 | June 12, 2024 | Pros |
| CONFERENCE AWARDS |  | Pros Emerging |  |
| Scholarship/ <br> Award | Application Opens | Deadline |  |
| Annual Conference <br> \& Exposition <br> Professional <br> Development Grant | November 12, 2023 | January 10, 2024 | Pros \& Emerging |
| Employment Law <br> Event Grant | August 8, 2023 | October 11, 2023 | Emerging Pros |
| Mentor of the Year <br> Award | November 12, 2023 | January 10, 2024 | Emerging Pros |
| Inclusion Conference <br> \& Exposition <br> Professional <br> Development Grants | April 9, 2024 |  | Intended Audience |

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## ACADEMIC / RESEARCH AWARDS

| Scholarship/ <br> Award | Application Opens | Deadline | Intended Audience |
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| Cheslie C. Kryst <br> Memorial <br> Scholarship - <br> Graduate | January 9, 2024 | March 13, 2024 | Pros \& Emerging <br> Pros |
| Student Chapter <br> Advisor Impact <br> Award | January 9, 2024 | March 13, 2024 | Emerging Pros |
| Michael R. Losey <br> Excellence in HR <br> Research Award | January 9, 2024 | March 13, 2024 | Pros |
| Susan R. Meisinger <br> Fellowship for <br> Graduate Study in <br> HR | January 9, 2024 | March 13, 2024 | Pros \& Emerging |
| Undergrad HR <br> Exploration Award | January 9, 2024 | March 13, 2024 | Pros |
| Student Membership <br> Award | January 9, 2024 | March 13, 2024 | Emerging Pros |
| Undergraduate <br> Scholarships | January 9, 2024 | March 13, 2024 | Emerging Pros |
| Graduate <br> Scholarships | January 9, 2024 | March 13, 2024 | Emerging Pros |



Date: 09/14/2023
We're interested in your feedback. Thank you in advance for taking a couple of minutes to complete this survey about this month's Professional Development Meeting,
"Secure Act 2.0 Update \& Retirement Disruptors By 2030".
Did the presentation meet your expectations based on the promotional description?YesUndecidedNo

Was the presentation relevant to your work?YesUndecided
No
How well did the presenter stimulate interest in the topic?Extremely WellSomewhat WellNot Very WellNot Well at All
How well did the presenter stay on topic?
$\square$ Extremely WellSomewhat WellNot Very WellNot Well at All
How well did the presenter stay within the allotted time?
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Not Well at All
How would you rate the venue and the food?
$\square$ Excellent
Good
Fair
Poor

How would your overall rating of the meeting?
$\square$ Excellent
Good
Fair
Poor

Does the newsletter add any value to the monthly meetings?
$\square$ Extremely WellSomewhat WellNot Very Well
Not Well at All
Please provide any additional comments and or suggestions below.

