2019 Year-End Employment Law Update

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AB 5 – Independent Contractors

- 2018: CA Supreme Court adopts "ABC" test
- 2019: AB 5 codifies "ABC" test, with several modifications
 - Expressly expands application to Labor Code and Unemployment Insurance Code





Best Practices for HR Managers

- Audit all California 1099 relationships (including business-to-business relationships)
- Consider legal risks associated with reclassifying workers, or eliminating a workforce.
- Re-direct independent contractor workforce to other jurisdictions?

Bottom Line: Consider changing your business model in CA.





SB 778: Harassment Prevention Training

- Extend deadline for nonsupervisory training from 1/1/20 to 1/1/21.
- Supervisors trained in 2018 need not be trained until 2020.





SB 530: Harassment Prevention Training

- **Temp Workers:** Extends deadline for training seasonal, temporary or others hired for less than 6 months to 1/1/21
- Construction Industry: Training mandate satisfied if construction employees hired per a multiemployer CBA trained during past 2 years.





AB 547: Harassment Prevention Janitorial Employees

- **DLSE** to establish a training advisory committee, and also compile a list of "qualified organizations" who may train employees.
- Committee must include union representatives.







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