## Spring FORWARD legal updates

Post-Pandemic Resignations



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#### **Presentation Roadmap**

- 1. Why are post-pandemic resignations being predicted?
- 2. Post-employment Obligations
  - Confidentiality
  - Non-solicits
  - Non-competes
- 3. Waiving an employee's notice of resignation
- 4. Providing references
- 5. Takeaways
- 6. COVID Updates



#### What's Behind the Predictions?

New Priorities and Passion Projects

Better opportunities post-pandemic

#### What's Behind the Predictions? (continued)

Employees prefer remote work

## Post-Employment Obligations



# What Are an Employer's Obligations When an Employee Quits?

Safeguarding against risks

 Solidifying employee's post-employment obligations

#### Confidentiality and the Departing Employee

Confidential Business Information

Protecting Digital Data

#### An Employee's Duty of Confidentiality

Contract

Common Law

#### **Restrictive Covenants**

 Non-solicitation and Non-competition Agreements

What are they?

#### **Restrictive Covenants (continued)**

- What can employers do?
  - Remind departing employee of their obligations
  - Contacting the former employee's new employer





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#### **Resignation Notice**

How much notice can you expect?

#### **Too Little Notice**

 What if a key employee doesn't give you enough notice?

#### Waiving Notice

- Wrapping things up ahead of schedule
- Can an employer ask the employee to leave early?



#### Separating Professionally

- References
  - Does a former employer have an obligation to provide a reference?
  - How honest can a former employer be when providing a reference?



#### **Takeaways**

- Prepare!
- Does remote work have to go?
- Employee's post-employment obligations
- Notice: to waive or not to waive?
- References

#### **COVID Updates**

- Deemed IDEL continuing until Sept 25, 2021
- Paid IDEL now in effect 3 days at \$200 each
- Wage Subsidy, proposed extension to Sept 25,
   2021 currently last period ended June 3, 2021
- Proposed Canada Recovery Hiring Program retroactive to June 6, 2021

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