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Interactive Process Under the ADA in the Post-Pandemic World

Understand the rights of employees with disabilities seeking accommodations in the evolving landscape of vaccine mandates, medical leave, remote work and workplace redesign

Counsel for employers and employees grapple daily with how to engage in the interactive process under the Americans with Disabilities Act. That process has been complicated by the evolving workplace layered on top of our new COVID-19 environment. Employment lawyers must advise clients about vaccine mandates, medical leave, remote work, and workplace redesign in the context of determining the rights of employees with disabilities seeking accommodations.

Agenda

- What Triggers the Employer's Obligations to Engage in the Interactive Process?
- How Does the Interactive Process Sync with Medical Exemptions from COVID-19 Vaccine Requirements?
- What Accommodations Are Required for COVID-19 Survivors and People Who Are Susceptible to COVID-19?
- What Is Considered an "Accommodation"—and What Isn't—in the Changing Workplace?

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