

### Terri M. Solomon

Shareholder Co-Chair, Workplace Violence Prevention and Crisis Response Practice Group

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#### **Focus Areas**

Discrimination and Harassment
Business Restructuring and M&A
Leaves of Absence and Disability Accommodation
Hiring, Performance Management and Termination
Workplace Violence Prevention and Crisis Response

#### **Overview**

Terri M. Solomon has more than 35 years of experience practicing employment and labor law and regularly handles:

- Employment and labor relations issues
- Compliance with federal and state employment laws
- Discrimination and other employment-related litigation and administrative proceedings
- Complex reductions-in-force and business restructurings
- Employment contracts and separation agreements
- Workplace violence prevention and crisis response
- Family and Medical Leave Act and other leaves of absence
- Disability accommodation
- Collective bargaining
- Labor arbitration
- Compliance with the National Labor Relations Act
- Mediation and other alternative dispute resolution
- Training in a wide variety of topics including harassment avoidance, FMLA and ADA compliance, workplace violence
  prevention, crisis response, conducting investigations, performance management and supervisory skills, and social
  media

- Employment policies and employee handbooks
- Labor and employment issues arising in corporate mergers, acquisitions and other transactions

Given the significant costs of litigation, Terri is an avid proponent of long-term business planning, management training, state-of-the-art policies and, where unavoidable conflicts do arise, alternative dispute resolution. A substantial portion of her practice involves counseling employers on ways to avoid litigation related to difficult business decisions, such as:

- Terminating long-term employees
- Planning reductions-in-force
- Responding to sexual harassment complaints

Additionally, Terri regularly conducts training on topics such as preventing workplace violence, avoiding workplace harassment and becoming a more effective manager. She led the team that trained thousands of employees of an international investment bank pursuant to a consent decree arising out of the EEOC's largest settlement of a sex discrimination and glass ceiling class action against a major financial institution. She also designed the training program, which was approved by the EEOC and a court monitor, and personally conducted domestic and international training.

Terri represents both non-union and unionized employers, ranging from Fortune 500 companies to small businesses and not-for-profit institutions in:

- Healthcare
- Finance and banking
- Retail
- Media
- Insurance
- Manufacturing

Terri frequently lectures and authors articles on employment and labor law topics. She is the co-founder of Littler Mendelson's New York office, Co-Chair of the Workplace Violence Prevention and Crisis Response Practice Group and she is a core member of four of the firm's practice groups: Leaves of Absence and Disability Accommodation, Alternative Dispute Resolution, Corporate Compliance and Ethics, and Business Restructuring. She is also a member of the firm's Women's Leadership Initiative and the Associates Committee.

## **Professional and Community Affiliations**

- Member, Women in Dispute Resolution Committee, Section of Dispute Resolution, American Bar Association
- Member, New York State Bar Association
- Member, Labor and Employment Law Section, New York State Bar Association
- Member, Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee, New York State Bar Association
- Member, Labor and Employment Law Section, New York City Bar Association
- Member, Labor and Employment Law Section, American Bar Association
- Member, National Association of Women Lawyers (NAWL)
- Mediator, Eastern District of New York Mediation Panel

- Volunteer Mediator, Southern District of New York
- Officer, Law Alumni Society Board of Managers, University of Pennsylvania
- Former Chair, Personnel Committee, Temple Shaaray Tefila

## Recognition

- Awarded, AV® Peer Review Rating, Martindale-Hubbell
- Fellow, College of Labor and Employment Lawyers
- Named, The Best Lawyers in America®, 2012-2024
- Named, New York Top Rated Lawyers, New York Law Journal/New York Magazine, 2023
- Recipient, Alumni Award of Merit, Penn Law Alumni Society, 2019
- Named, Who's Who in Labour & Employment Lawyers, Who's Who Legal, 2013-2018
- Named, Who's Who in American Law, 2008-2016
- Named, Super Lawyer, Metro New York, Super Lawyers, 2006-2017

#### **Education**

J.D., University of Pennsylvania Law School, 1979

B.A., University of Massachusetts, 1976, summa cum laude

#### **Bar Admissions**

**New York** 

**New Jersey** 

#### **Courts**

- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. Court of Appeals, 2nd Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, 3rd Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of New York
- U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey

#### **Publications & Press**

How Employers Can Help Prevent Workplace Violence

PLI Chronicle

May 1, 2023

## 'Loud layoffs' at tech companies are sending mixed messages to other employers

**BenefitsPRO** 

April 7, 2023

#### Loud layoffs are fueling mixed messages for employers

American City Business Journals

March 16, 2023

#### Layoffs Not In The Cards For Most Employers, Survey Says

Law360 Employment Authority

March 9, 2023

#### Littler Employer Pulse Survey Report: 2023 Economic Outlook

Littler Report

March 8, 2023

#### Littler Survey: Economic Uncertainty Creates New Workforce Challenges for Employers

Littler Press Release

March 8, 2023

## Hybrid models are under attack, but the full-time return to the office isn't quite what it seems

American City Business Journals

March 7, 2023

#### Employer considerations for navigating evolving gun laws

Reuters Westlaw

September 9, 2022

#### **Employer Considerations for Navigating Evolving Gun Laws**

Littler Insight

July 27, 2022

#### Second Circuit Upholds New York's Vaccination Mandates for Healthcare Workers Without Religious Exemptions

Littler Insight

November 11, 2021

#### How To Identify Signs of Suicidal Behavior and Prevent Harm

Xpert HR

October 27, 2021

## **New York Expands Vaccination Mandate for Health Care**

SHRM Online

September 3, 2021

#### **New York Expands Vaccination Mandate for Healthcare Workers**

Littler Insight

August 30, 2021

#### Best Lawyers in America<sup>®</sup> 2022 Edition Honors More Than 240 Littler Lawyers

Littler Press Release

August 19, 2021

#### 7 Dos and Don'ts When an Employee Is at Risk for Self Harm

HR Dive

July 14, 2021

### **Gender Discrimination in the Securities Industry**

Super Lawyers

January 28, 2021

## Employers Focused on Extended Remote Work, Impact of Presidential Election, Littler Survey Finds

Littler Press Release

November 18, 2020

#### The Littler Employer Pulse Survey Report

Littler Report

November 18, 2020

#### The Impact of COVID-19 on Mental Health – Risk Management

Risk Management

October 1, 2020

#### Best Lawyers in America© 2021 Edition Honors More Than 250 Littler Lawyers

Littler Press Release

August 20, 2020

## 5 Tips For Helping Workers Deal With Mask-Averse Customers

Law360

August 14, 2020

#### **Avoiding Workplace Violence When Customers Refuse Masks**

Law360

August 3, 2020

## Avoiding Workplace Violence: How Businesses Should React if Customers Become Violent When Asked to Wear a Mask

Littler Insight

July 16, 2020

#### **Littler Launches Holistic Workforce Restructuring Solution**

Littler Press Release

May 28, 2020

#### New York City Set to Require Stores to Accept Cash

Littler ASAP

January 24, 2020

#### Littler's Terri M. Solomon Receives 2019 Alumni Award of Merit from Penn Law Alumni Society

Littler Press Release

October 3, 2019

## Best Lawyers in America© 2020 Edition Honors More Than 200 Littler Lawyers; 14 Named Lawyer of the Year

Littler Press Release

August 15, 2019

#### Best Lawyers in America© 2019 Edition Honors More Than 200 Littler Lawyers

Littler Press Release

August 15, 2018

#### Littler Attorneys Named in 2018 Who's Who Legal Labour, Employment & Benefits Guide

Littler Press Release

June 5, 2018

#### The EEOC Phoenix District Office Challenges Releases Waiving Future Financial Liability for Discrimination Claims

Littler Insight

February 16, 2018

#### Littler Attorneys Named in 2017 Who's Who Legal Guide

Littler Press Release

September 28, 2017

#### Domestic Violence Laws Aim to Get Employers Out Ahead of Problem

Daily Labor Report

August 22, 2017

#### Best Lawyers in America© 2018 Edition Honors More Than 200 Littler Lawyers

Littler Press Release

August 17, 2017

## The Best Lawyers in America© Honors More Than 180 Littler Lawyers in Its 2017 Edition

Littler Press Release

August 16, 2016

#### More Than Half of Employers Have Updated Workplace Violence Policies: Survey

Safety + Health

July 20, 2016

### **New Advice on Workplace Shootings Follows Tragedies**

Bloomberg BNA Daily Labor Report

July 14, 2016

## Report Highlights Employers' Biggest Concerns: ACA, New Bias Claims and OT Regs

HR Morning

July 13, 2016

#### Littler Survey Shows Employers Grappling With Regulatory, Social Changes

Littler Press Release

July 12, 2016

#### 3 Ways to Reduce Risk of Workplace Violence: Laws, Policies and Police

**SHRM** 

February 25, 2016

#### **Attorney Urges Employers to Address Domestic Violence**

Bloomberg BNA

January 27, 2016

#### Fight Over Flight? Shooter Protocols May Need Revision

Bloomberg BNA Human Resources Report

January 25, 2016

## Seventh Circuit Affirms the Dismissal of Lawsuit Based on the EEOC's Failure to Conciliate Claims Related to Releases

Littler Insight

January 13, 2016

#### San Bernardino Mass Shooting Reminds All Companies About Risks of Workplace

InsideCounsel

December 17, 2015

#### Workplace Violence Prevention in the Age of the 'Active Shooter'

Littler Insight

December 11, 2015

#### Workplace Violence Experts Urge Employers to Address Prevention, Training

**XpertHR** 

December 4, 2015

#### Littler Attorneys Recognized in the Best Lawyers in America© 2016 Edition

Littler Press Release

August 18, 2015

## After Airline Tragedy, New Focus on Mental Health at Work

The Wall Street Journal

April 1, 2015

#### **EEOC Lawsuit Against CVS Pharmacy Challenging Severance Agreements Dismissed**

Littler Insight

October 20, 2014

#### Final Rules Adopted Clarifying Employers' Obligations under the New York City Earned Sick Time Act

Littler Insight

August 22, 2014

#### Littler Attorneys Included in the Best Lawyers in America© 2015 Edition

Littler Press Release

August 18, 2014

#### They Really Mean It: the EEOC Sues Another Employer for Allegedly Overbroad Releases

Littler Insight

May 13, 2014

#### A Look at Changes to New York City's Earned Sick Time Act

Thomson Reuters Westlaw Journal Employment

May 13, 2014

#### New York, Unemployment, and Severance Agreements

Littler Insight

April 3, 2014

#### Littler Named Law Firm of the Year for Labor and Employment by Who's Who Legal

Littler Press Release

April 2, 2014

## NYC Law Shows Paid Sick Leave Push Picking Up Steam

Law360.com

March 20, 2014

#### Revised New York City Earned Sick Time Act Effective on April 1, 2014

Littler Insight

March 17, 2014

## Recommendations in Response to the EEOC's New Lawsuit on Severance Agreements

Littler Insight

March 4, 2014

#### **Intesa Ruling Creates Virtual Minefield For NYC Employers**

Law360.com

November 21, 2013

#### **New York City Employers Face Tougher Disability Accommodation Standards**

Littler Insight

October 28, 2013

#### Littler Attorneys Named in Best Lawyers in America® 2014 Edition

Littler Press Release

August 15, 2013

#### **New York City Passes New Sick Leave Law**

New York Law Journal

July 12, 2013

## Are You Feeling Sick? New York City Passes a New Sick Leave Law

Littler Insight

May 10, 2013

#### New York Passes "Toughest, Strongest" Gun Law in the Nation

Littler Insight

February 26, 2013

#### Employers with Insured Health Plans Must Take Care in Providing Healthcare Subsidies to Departing Executives

Littler Insight

October 29, 2012

#### Best Lawyers in America® Names 164 Littler Attorneys to 2013 Edition

Littler Press Release

September 7, 2012

#### Best Lawyers in America® Names 108 Littler Lawyers to 2012 Edition

Littler Press Release

September 12, 2011

## Planning for a Pandemic: The EEOC Issues Guidance

Littler Insight

October 27, 2009

#### **A Duty to Protect**

Corporate Counsel

October 9, 2009

#### Proposed Legislation Would Require New York City Employers to Provide Paid Sick Leave

Littler Insight

September 24, 2009

#### **Hurricane Season Threatens Unprepared Employers**

Littler Press Release

September 7, 2006

#### Fear of Flying? Addressing Employees' Concerns Regarding the Threat of Terrorism to Business Travel

Littler Insight

August 23, 2006

#### **Terri Solomon Comments on Updated Airport Security**

The Philadelphia Inquirer

August 12, 2006

# Terri Solomon offers disaster preparedness tips to organizations and HR professionals, as suits for poor planning for disasters and other potential threats rise

Human Resources Management

August 10, 2005

#### Incidence of Workplace Identity Theft Signals Need for Proactive Measures

New York Law Journal

December 15, 2003

## **Speaking Engagements**

#### **New York Retail Roundtable**

December 5, 2023

## A Littler Virtual Roundtable | New York Retail Industry

June 27, 2023

#### 2023 Tri-State Regional Employer Conference

New York, NY

June 20, 2023

#### A Littler Virtual Roundtable | New York Retail Industry

March 23, 2023

## Mental Health Matters: How Employers Can Provide Support and Prevent Crisis in Challenging Times

Littler Executive Employer Conference

May 5, 2022

## **New York Retail Industry Roundtable**

March 23, 2022

#### A Littler Virtual Roundtable | New York Retail Industry

New York, NY

November 18, 2021

#### A Littler Virtual Roundtable | New York Retail Industry

New York, NY

September 23, 2021

#### Effective Partnering with Employees: How Employers Can Assist Victims of Domestic Violence

Ciudad de México, CDMX

August 12, 2021

#### Workplace Violence Prevention in the Age of the "Active Shooter"

June 30, 2021

#### Workplace Violence Prevention in the Age of the "Active Shooter"

June 24, 2021

## A Littler Virtual Roundtable | New York Retail Industry

New York, NY

March 30, 2021

## Responding to Suicide Warning Signs in the Workplace

December 9, 2020

#### A Littler Virtual Roundtable | New York Retail Industry

New York, NY

October 15, 2020

#### 2020 Voluntary Retirement and Exit Incentive Programs: A Viable Alternative to Involuntary Layoffs

July 23, 2020

#### New York Retail Industry: A Virtual Roundtable Discussion

June 16, 2020

#### New York Retail Industry: A Roundtable Discussion

New York, NY

March 19, 2020

## Workplace Violence: Legal, Behavioral and Practical Considerations

Tysons Corner, VA

November 13, 2019

#### New York Retail Industry: A Roundtable Discussion

New York, NY

October 15, 2019

#### Workplace Violence Prevention in the Age of the "Active Shooter"

September 16, 2019

#### Workplace Violence Prevention in the Age of the "Active Shooter"

August 28, 2019

#### New York Retail Industry: A Roundtable Discussion

New York, NY

July 16, 2019

## Master Negotiator: Making the Tough Calls and Changing Workplaces for the Better

The Conference Board 15th Annual Women's Leadership Conference, New York, NY

April 29, 2019

#### New York Retail Industry: A Roundtable Discussion

New York, NY

March 12, 2019

### New York Retail Industry: A Roundtable Discussion

New York, NY

October 11, 2018

#### Workplace Safety: Understanding Direct Threat Under the ADA

ABA 5th National Conference: Disability Issues in Employment and Education Law, Philadelphia, PA June 22, 2018

#### New York Retail Industry: A Roundtable Discussion

New York, NY

June 14, 2018

#### Step into the Littler Lab: Conducting Lawful Investigations in the Wake of #MeToo

Littler Executive Employer, Phoenix, AZ

May 4, 2018

## Step into the Littler Lab: Conducting Lawful Investigations in the Wake of #MeToo

Littler Executive Employer, Phoenix, AZ

May 4, 2018

#### New York Retail Industry: A Roundtable Discussion

New York, NY April 24, 2018

#### #NotYouToo: How to Conduct Legal Investigations in the Aftermath of #MeToo

New York, NY

February 27, 2018

#### **New York Retail Industry: A Roundtable Discussion**

New York, NY

February 15, 2018

#### The New York Paid Family Leave Law: Is Your Company Ready?

New York, NY

November 15, 2017

#### New York Retail Industry: A Roundtable Discussion

New York, NY

October 12, 2017

## New York Healthcare Industry: A Roundtable Discussion

New York, NY

July 19, 2017

#### **New York Retail Industry: A Roundtable Discussion**

New York, NY

June 20, 2017

#### A Corporate Balancing Act: Business Need vs. Legal Risk

May 12, 2017

#### New York Retail Industry: A Roundtable Discussion

New York, NY

February 8, 2017

## Two Hot Topics: Mandatory Arbitration, and Separation / Confidentiality Agreements

New York, NY

November 3, 2016

#### New York Retail Industry: A Roundtable Discussion

New York, NY

October 20, 2016

#### Workplace Violence Prevention in the Age of the "Active Shooter"

Pittsburgh, PA

September 13, 2016

#### **New York Retail Industry: A Roundtable Discussion**

New York, NY

June 21, 2016

#### **Healthcare Roundtable**

New York, NY

June 2, 2016

## **Retail Industry Roundtable**

The 2016 Executive Employer® Conference, Scottsdale, AZ May 6, 2016

## Workplace Violence Prevention in the Age of the "Active Shooter"

May 5, 2016

## Workplace Violence Prevention in the Age of the "Active Shooter"

February 23, 2016

#### **New York Retail Industry: A Roundtable Discussion**

New York, NY

February 4, 2016

#### Workplace Violence Prevention in the Age of the "Active Shooter"

January 21, 2016

#### **Corporate Compliance & Financial Services Update**

New York, NY

November 19, 2015

## **ADA and FMLA: More Questions From the Trenches**

Littler 2015 Tri-State Regional Employer Conference, New York, NY November 5, 2015

#### Advising Nonprofits on Federal Law Compliance: Federal Employment Law

New York City Bar Association, New York, NY

November 4, 2015

#### New York Retail Industry: A Roundtable Discussion

New York, NY

October 28, 2015

## Employment Law Institute 2015: Bringing Employees on Board/Social Media Issues

Practising Law Institute, New York, NY

October 23, 2015

#### Why Can't I Just Ask? When Asking for Information May Be Worse than Not Knowing

The 2015 Executive Employer® Conference, Phoenix, AZ

May 8, 2015

#### Preparing for Emergencies in an Age of Epidemics, Storms & Workplace Violence

The 2015 Executive Employer® Conference, Phoenix, AZ

May 7, 2015

## New York Retail Industry: A Roundtable Discussion

New York, NY

March 12, 2015

#### The Affordable Care Act: What You Need To Know in 2015

German American Chamber of Commerce

February 24, 2015

# What Employers Can do to Secure Effective Releases, Separation Agreements, and Settlement Agreements Despite the EEOC and NLRB's Recent Enforcement Agendas

December 11, 2014

#### New York Retail Industry: A Roundtable Discussion on Dealing with the EEOC

New York, NY

October 9, 2014

#### New York Retail Industry: A Roundtable Discussion on Workplace Violence

New York, NY

April 29, 2014

#### Workplace Violence and Bullying - A National and International Dilemma

Twenty-First Annual Conference - The American Employment Law Council, Santa Barbara, CA October 9-12, 2013

#### Threat Assessment, Mental Illness and the Workplace: New Challenges and Complexity

23rd Annual Threat Management Conference - Association of Threat Assessment Professionals, Anaheim, CA August 15, 2013

#### Workplace Violence: Just How Prepared Are You?

New York, NY

June 13, 2013

## The ACA's Impact on Employment and Severance-Related Documents and the Increase in DOL Plan Audit Activity

December 5, 2012

## Social Media: Complex Problems, Complex Solutions

Institute for Applied Management & Law, Inc.

September 13, 2012

#### **Managing Leaves of Absence**

Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), New York, NY June 21, 2012

#### Leave Me Alone - Handling Indefinite Leaves Under ADA and FMLA Intermittent Leave Abuse

Littler Mendelson, New York, NY June 12, 2012

## **Conducting Lawful Investigations: Just The Facts**

Littler Mendelson, Scottsdale, AZ May 11, 2012

#### Social Media: Complex Problems, Complex Solutions

Institute for Applied Management & Law, Inc.

April 17, 2012

#### **How to Conduct Lawful Investigations**

New York, NY January 11, 2012

#### Managing the Employee from Hell

New York, NY

May 26, 2011

#### Dealing with Depression, Suicide and Violence in the Workplace

The 2011 Executive Employer Conference® - Littler Mendelson, Phoenix, AZ April 2011

#### The Future of Workplace Safety: Imminent Threats and Anticipated Regulation

The 2010 Executive Employer Conference® - Littler Mendelson, Phoenix, AZ April 2010

#### The Compliance Imperative: Reducing Litigation Costs Through Effective Audit Programs

The 2009 Executive Employer Conference® - Littler Mendelson, Phoenix, AZ April 2009

#### **Reductions in Force: Master Class**

The 2009 Executive Employer Conference® - Littler Mendelson, Phoenix, AZ April 2009

# Sex Offenders, Terrorists & Video Resumes: How Far Can You Go To Get Information About Your Employees and Applicants?

2009 Employment Law & Legislative Conference - Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM), Washington, D.C. March 10, 2009

### Reductions in Force: The Puzzle, The Process

New York, NY March 6, 2009

## Sex Offenders, Terrorists, and Video Resumes: How Far Can You Go to Get Information on Your Prospective and Current Employees?

Littler Mendelson, Phoenix, AZ April 2008

#### **Enforceable Release Agreements - Still Possible?**

New York, NY May 16, 2007

#### We Shall Be Released: Is It Still Possible to Draft an Enforceable Release Agreement?

Littler Mendelson, Phoenix, AZ

April 2007

You Can't Make Me Come to Work! - Untangling the Web of Leaves of Absence

Washington, D.C.

June 26, 2006

Managing the Unmanageable: Strategies for Effectively Enforcing Attendance Policies in a World of Protected Leaves

The 2005 Executive Employer Conference® - Littler Mendelson, Phoenix, AZ

March 2005

Workplace Violence: So You Thought You Knew What to Do ... Just How Prepared Are You?

The 2004 Executive Employer Conference® - Littler Mendelson, Phoenix, AZ

March 2004