

14th Annual Brewers Briefing

A Labor & Employment Law Conference



AGENDA | 14th Annual Brewers Briefing

American Family Field | 1 Brewers Way | Milwaukee, WI 53214

Thursday | June 4, 2026

8:15 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. **Registration & Breakfast**

9:00 a.m. – 9:40 a.m. **Opening Remarks + Session 1 | 2026 Employment Law Update: Key Developments Impacting Wisconsin Employers**

In this opening session of the 14th Annual Brewers Briefing, Littler attorneys Sofija Anderson and Nadia Gonzalez will provide a timely update on the most significant labor and employment law developments affecting Wisconsin employers.

The discussion will cover key federal and state legislative changes, regulatory and enforcement priorities under the current administration, and recent court decisions shaping employer compliance and risk in 2026. Topics may include emerging workplace trends, wage and hour developments, leaves of absence, discrimination and retaliation risks, and other critical issues employers should have on their radar this year. Attendees will gain practical insights to help navigate an evolving legal landscape, anticipate enforcement trends, and proactively manage workplace challenges.

Speakers: [Sofija Anderson](#) and [Nadia Gonzalez](#)

9:40 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. **Break**

9:45 a.m. – 10:25 a.m. **Session 2 | Investigations in Today's Workplace: Practical Guidance for Employers**

Internal investigations are a powerful component of employment law liability prevention. Employee lawsuits increasingly focus on the adequacy of an organization's investigation. Internally, successful investigation practices have become a large part of an employer's ability to promote and maintain a work environment where employees feel safe and empowered to share ideas, report concerns, and provide feedback. This session will provide a blueprint for establishing reliable and defensible investigation practices.

Speakers: [Jennifer L. Ciralsky](#) and [Casey Kaiser](#)

10:25 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. **Break**

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10:30 a.m. – 11:10 a.m. Session 3 | Protect, Enforce, or Let Go? Navigating the Ever-Changing Trade Secrets and Restrictive Covenants Landscape

Employers are navigating a rapidly evolving unfair competition and trade secrets landscape—where timing, enforceability, and strategic decision making matter more than ever. In this session, Littler attorneys John D. Tripoli and Develyn J. Mistriotti will provide a practical overview of UCTS law and highlight key trends, including delays in seeking injunctive relief, increasing judicial and legislative skepticism toward noncompetes, expanding state law restrictions, and the latest developments surrounding the FTC’s nationwide noncompete rule. Attendees will leave with actionable insights for protecting confidential information and managing competitive risk in a changing regulatory environment.

Speakers: [John D. Tripoli](#) and [Develyn J. Mistriotti](#)

11:10 a.m. – 11:20 a.m. Break

11:20 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Session 4 | AI in the Workplace: Managing Risk While Moving Forward

As artificial intelligence becomes embedded in hiring, performance management and day-to-day operations, employers face evolving employment law risks that increasingly overlap with state and local regulation. This includes expanding privacy requirements, biometric laws in states like Illinois, and broader obligations around how employee data is collected, used and managed. This session provides a practical overview of how AI is being used in the workplace, including its role in recruiting, workforce management and employee communications, and where that use creates legal exposure. Drawing on recent litigation and emerging plaintiff strategies, the discussion will highlight key risks such as bias, vendor accountability and reliance on automated decision-making tools. Attendees will gain actionable guidance on identifying AI use within their organizations and implementing practical governance strategies to manage risk while continuing to move forward with adoption.

Speaker: [RyAnn M. Hooper](#)

12:05 p.m. – 12:05 p.m. Break

12:05 p.m. – 12:45 p.m. Session 5 | Modern Labor Law: What’s Changed and What Employers Should Do Now

There is little that is “traditional” about today’s labor law landscape. In this session, Littler attorneys Michael Yellin and Michael Gotzler will discuss how recent and anticipated developments in labor law are reshaping employer obligations and risk—even in non-union workplaces. Recent precedent changes at the National Labor Relations Board, a shift in Board composition, priorities of a new General Counsel, and Court of Appeals decisions are creating a period of accelerated transition. Trends in union organizing and broader social, political, and workplace dynamics are influencing employee engagement and labor relations in the modern workplace. Attendees will gain practical insight into key labor risks and strategies employers should consider to remain prepared and proactive in a rapidly evolving environment.

Speakers: [Michael S. Yellin](#) and [Michael R. Gotzler](#)

12:45 p.m. – 12:50 p.m. Closing Remarks & Distribution of Game Tickets

1:10 p.m. Game Time | Milwaukee Brewers vs. San Francisco Giants