# Understanding The NEW Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993

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In this course, you will get:

- All 18 video sessions to watch individually
- The entire 5 hour video program
- A 67 page handout
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#### **SESSION 1: WHO IS COVERED? = 16 MINUTES**

- I. PURPOSE
- II. WHICH EMPLOYERS ARE COVERED?
- III. WHICH EMPLOYEES ARE COVERED?
- IV. MILITARY SERVICE COUNTS TOWARDS FMLA ELIGIBILITY

#### **SESSION 2: GETTING FMLA LEAVE = 16 MINUTES**

## V. WHEN CAN A COVERED EMPLOYEE GET TIME OFF FROM WORK?

## VI. FMLA LEAVE FOR EMPLOYEES IN THE MILITARY & THEIR FAMILIES

#### SESSION 3: CALCULATING FMLA LEAVE = 22 MINUTES

#### VII. CALCULATING FMLA LEAVE HOURS

- A. How Many Hours of FMLA Leave Is An Employee Eligible To Receive?
- **B.** Mandatory Overtime Hours And FMLA Hours of Eligible Leave

#### VIII. CALCULATING THE FMLA LEAVE YEAR

- A. Establishing The 12-Month Period Of Time Used For Calculating FMLA Leave
  - 1. Calendar year.
  - 2. Any fixed 12-month "leave year," such as a fiscal year.
  - 3. The 12-month period starting when an employee first begins taking FMLA leave. The employee would then be eligible to take 12 weeks of FMLA leave within the next 12-month period.
  - 4. A "rolling" 12-month period that includes any FMLA leave taken by an employee within any previous 12-month period regardless of when the employee first took such leave.
- IX. LEAVE NEED NOT BE PAID; EMPLOYEES MAY BE REQUIRED TO USE ACCRUED TIME OFF
- X. EMPLOYERS MAY REQUIRE FMLA LEAVE AND OTHER LEAVES TO RUN CONCURRENTLY
- XI. HOLIDAYS

#### **SESSION 4: WHO IS A CHILD AND A PARENT? = 22 MINUTES**

- XII. WHO IS A CHILD?
- XIII. DOL ISSUES NEW ADMINISTRATOR'S INTERPRETATION OF FMLA LEAVE TO CARE FOR A DISABLED ADULT CHILD
- XIV. WHO IS A "PARENT" AND "IN LOCO PARENTIS"?
- XV. SAME SEX MARRIAGE AND THE FMLA

**SESSION 5: WHAT IS A SERIOUS HEALTH CONDITION? = 26 MINUTES** 

- XVI. WHAT IS A "SERIOUS HEALTH CONDITION"?
- XVII. WHAT IS <u>NOT</u> A SERIOUS HEALTH CONDITION?
- XVIII. WHEN IS AN EMPLOYEE NEEDED TO CARE FOR A COVERED FAMILY MEMBER?
- XIX. FMLA COVERS TIME OFF FOR "PSYCHOLOGICAL COMFORT"
- XX. TRIP TO LAS VEGAS COVERED BY FMLA

#### XXI. SELF-INFLICTED WOUNDS ARE COVERED BY THE FMLA

#### **SESSION 6: WHEN IS AN EMPLOYER ON NOTICE? = 17 MINUTES**

#### XXII. WHEN IS AN EMPLOYER ON NOTICE OF AN FMLA CONDITION?

- A. Employer Is On Notice Of Serious Health Condition Once Employer Is "Reasonably Aware" Of An FMLA Qualifying Event
- **B.** Prolonged Absence May Constitute Notice To Employer
- C. What If An Employer Could <u>Not</u> Have Reasonably Been Aware Of the Employee's Serious Health Condition?
- **D.** Waiting For Medical Certification

#### SESSION 7: MEDICAL CERTIFICATIONS: 22 MINUTES

#### XXIII. MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS

- A. Medical Certifications
- **B.** Recertifying A Medical Condition
- C. Contact With Medical Professional

#### **SESSION 8: FIT FOR DUTY CERTIFICATES: 5 MINUTES**

#### XXIV. FIT FOR DUTY CERTIFICATES

#### **SESSION 9: EMPLOYER NOTICE REQUIREMENTS: 1 HOUR 7 MINUTES**

#### XXV. EMPLOYER NOTICE REQUIREMENTS

- A. Time Frames
- **B.** FMLA Notices
- XXVI. REQUESTING FMLA DOCUMENTATION LATE FOUND PERMISSIBLE
- XXVII. MISTAKENLY ASSIGNING FMLA ELIGIBILITY CAN CREATE FMLA COVERAGE
- XXVIII. EMPLOYERS MUST INFORM EMPLOYEES OF THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT RETURNING MEDICAL CERTIFICATION

#### SESSION 10: EMPLOYEE NOTICE REQUIREMENTS: 10 MINUTES

#### XXIX. NOTICE REQUIREMENTS PLACED UPON EMPLOYEES

A. **30 Day Notice Is Required When Leave Is Foreseeable** 

- B. Employee Must Identify Leave As FMLA
- C. Employer's Usual and Customary Procedures

#### SESSION 11: EMPLOYEE JOB PROTECTION AND BENEFITS: 29 MINUTES

- XXX. EMPLOYEE JOB PROTECTION
  - A. Same Or Equivalent Position
  - **B.** Job Restoration Must Be IMMEDIATE
  - C. Essential Job Functions: Number Of Hours Required

#### XXXI. EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

- A. Health Insurance Coverage
  - 1. Health coverage and premium payments must continue as if the employee was still at work.
  - 2. Notification responsibilities of the employer.
  - 3. Employee has 30-day grace period.
  - 4. Failure to return to work and recouping medical subsidy.
  - 5. When is an employee deemed to have returned to work after FMLA leave?
  - 6. Upon employee's return, health insurance must be reinstated if requested.
- **B.** Retention of Accrued Benefits
- C. Attendance Bonus

#### SESSION 12: TYPES OF EMPLOYEE LEAVE: 11 MINUTES

#### XXXII. INTERMITTENT AND REDUCED SCHEDULE LEAVES

- A. Intermittent Leave
- **B.** Reduced Schedule Leave
- C. Intermittent Leave Schedule and Reduced Schedule Leave Must Be Medically Required
- D. FMLA Time Off Must Be Tracked In The Smallest Increments The Employer's Policies Allow

- E. Temporary Transfer Is Allowed
- F. Employee's Treatments Must Be After Hours, If Possible

## SESSION 13: LIGHT DUTY AND OTHER EMPLOYEE RIGHTS: 7 MINUTES

- XXXIII. LIGHT DUTY ASSIGNMENTS
- XXXIV. FMLA REGULATIONS: NO GREATER RIGHTS AFFORDED
- XXXV. OTHER EMPLOYEE RIGHTS
  - A. Discipline For Absenteeism and FMLA Leave
    - 1. Employees on FMLA leave may not be penalized.
    - 2. FMLA absences and performance reviews.

## SESSION 14: RETALIATION: 8 MINUTES

#### XXXVI. RETALIATION

A. <u>Burlington Northern's</u> Definition Of "Materially Adverse Employment Action" Applies To FMLA Retaliation Cases

## SESSION 15: WAIVER OF RIGHTS AND LIABILITY: 10 MINUTES

#### XXXVII. WAIVER OF RIGHTS

## XXXVIII. LIABILITIES AND DAMAGES

- A. Managers Can Be Held Personally Liable
- **B.** Enforcement and Remedies

## SESSION 16: COMPLYING WITH THE FMLA SUMMARY: 16 MINUTES

## XXXIX. COMPLYING WITH THE FMLA

A. FMLA Employer Checklist

#### TOTAL RUNNING TIME: 5 HOURS

## DESCRIPTION

- How do you count MILITARY SERVICE towards FMLA eligibility?
- How do you count the amount of FMLA time off an employee gets ... including mandatory overtime?
- How should employers coordinate FMLA leave with other leaves, such as sick time, vacation time, holidays and so on?
- ➤ Who qualifies as a "CHILD"?
- ▶ How has the Department of Labor changed the definition of "**PARENT**"?
- How should employers count **HOLIDAY** time off under the FMLA?
- ► How are "SAME SEX MARRIAGES" viewed under the FMLA?
- What is a "**SERIOUS HEALTH CONDITION**" under the FMLA?
- > What does it mean to "CARE FOR A COVERED FAMILY MEMBER"?
- > What does it mean to provide "**PSYCHOLOGICAL COMFORT**" for a covered family member?
- When is an employer "**ON NOTICE**" of an FMLA condition?
- When can employers ask employees for a MEDICAL CERTIFICATION or a RETURN TO WORK SLIP ... and when CAN THEY NOT?
- What FMLA Notice requirements are placed upon EMPLOYEES ... and which are placed on EMPLOYERS?
- What is the difference between a "General Notice," an "Eligibility Notice," a "Rights and Responsibilities Notice" and a "Designation Notice" ... and when do you use each one?

#### ... and MUCH, MUCH more ...

Join one of Ohio's most popular speakers as he reviews how the FMLA has **COMPLETELY CHANGED** under the new regulations. Learn how the ADA has changed and why it is now one of the most dangerous laws out there for employers. Scott will show you how to how to use this information **IMMEDIATELY** with his own "rubber hits the road" approach as a 30 year human resource professional and employment attorney. In this session you will learn...

- ➢ How the FMLA REALLY works.
- What changes have occurred to the FMLA and they affect how you administer the new regulations.
- ➤ What types of leave are available under the FMLA?

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