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Mission Critical – Updates on Trade Secret Litigation & Non-Compete Agreements



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When Goliath Borrows David's Slingshot: Big Business and its Offensive Use of State Consumer Protection Acts



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Data Privacy & Security: What Do Regulators, Investors and Customers Expect?



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Trials & Claims in 2023 and Beyond



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DEI Roundtable



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Ángela is responsible for a range of DEI initiatives that foster an inclusive legal community. As the staff liaison to the DEI Action Plan/Collaborative, affinity bar associations, and the Diversity Section and committees she implements key initiatives and signature Diversity events. She also serves on the advisory board for the Diversity & Inclusion Consortium of Kansas City.



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Kristin has worked in various supply chain roles driving strategy for procurement, manufacturing, and distribution as well as leading retail operations for leading customers in the sales division. She is currently leading enterprise-wide diversity and inclusion strategies for the Hallmark and Crayola brands, working to advance DEI initiatives.



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Vicki leads the Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Belonging strategy at GEHA, with a goal of empowering personal and systematic change towards justice and belonging. Vicki earned her B.A. from Columbia University in NYC with concentrations in East Asian Languages and Cultures and Political Science and her J.D. from Rutgers University in Newark, NJ.



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Vanessa works to design and implement the inclusion and diversity strategy at Lathrop GPM. Vanessa leverages the firm's inclusion networks, diversity education programs, and executive and firm-wide leaders to inspire curious and courageous conversations, partnerships and understanding related to diversity and inclusion within the workplace. Vanessa also ran for Kansas State Representative in the November 2022 election.

Marijuana in the Workplace: Does the Missouri Constitutional Amendment Block Employers from Tackling this Issue?



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Responding to Government Investigations



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