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- Represent employers in civil litigation and subpoena actions.
- Counsel employers in labor relations matters that involve workplace safety issues.
- Defend employers against OSHA retaliation and "whistleblowing" complaints.

Our attorneys also assist employers in promoting a safe workplace through drafting and implementing safety programs, policies and manuals, and by recommending safety consultants for proactive safety training.

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