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- Contest OSHA citations, including representing employers in OSHA settlement proceedings, OSHA administrative hearings and court challenges to OSHA citations and penalties.



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- Represent employers in civil litigation and subpoena actions.
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- 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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