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### Agenda

- 1. Immigration as a DEI Tool
- 2. H-1B Lottery Update
- 3. Immigration and Remote Work
- 4. Immigration "Policy" and Strategies to Attract and
- Retain Talent
- 5. California Rules Impacting Immigration







### **Immigration and DEI**

Do you have an effective DEI Program?

What are the diversity benefits of immigration?

Can your immigration program help you bridge cross cultural differences?





#### H-1B Lottery

Why was the Lottery selection rate so low?

How does your organization's hiring strategy affect things?

Do you have Plan B ready for employees who lost the lottery?





### **Immigration and Remote Work**

Does remote work complicate sponsorship?

How do you track worksite locations and required salaries?

How does your flexible work model translate to green card sponsorship?



## **Should I Have an Immigration Policy?**

Does my company have "policies" in other areas?

Do you want a policy or a guideline?

What do your managers and employees want to know?

### New Immigration Strategies to Attract and Retain Talent

Do you support premium processing?

Are you considering creative ways to structure sponsorship?

Are you starting your green card sponsorship soon enough?







### **California and Immigration**

Can California Notaries complete I-9s? When Notified of an ICE audit, what does California law require you do? How do California wage transparency rules affect your immigration program?

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