

# THE CERTIFICATE IN EMPLOYEE BENEFITS LAW<sup>SM</sup> SEMINAR

# An Information-Packed 4½ Day Seminar That Covers All Important Aspects Of Employee Benefits Law

- Critical information and insights you need to confidently function at your best.
- Increase your competency and confidence to improve job performance and develop your career.
- •The finest faculty in the country. Talented teachers...experienced, responsive.
- Great opportunity to network and share experiences with other participants.
- Earn the Certificate in Employee Benefits Law that attests to the body of knowledge and skills acquired.



"All compensation and benefits professionals should consider this seminar. There is a large volume of valuable information presented in an effective, dynamic setting. The speakers are certainly well-equipped and are very attuned to the needs of the class members."

Todd Hanson Director, Human Resources - Support Services Printpack, Inc. Atlanta, Georgia "IAML once again surpassed my expectations. The seminar was awesome and the degree of information presented to our group was so valuable. I applaud IAML for finding the experts in the various fields and making them available to us. I can hardly wait until the next seminar!"

Bianca Olivarria HR Technician & Disability Management Specialist Imperial Irrigation District Imperial, California





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# 2019

The Certificate in Employee Benefits Law<sup>™</sup>Seminar

Atlanta, GA April 8-12, 2019

Orlando, FL July 15-19, 2019

Las Vegas, NV October 21-25, 2019

#### "Great material, great pacing, super instructors. A true A+."

Sonja Wendt Benefits Specialist Jet Propulsion Laboratory Pasadena, California

## "Very thorough and covered a lot of area!"

Tobi Lebowitz, Esq. Sr. Corporate Counsel KLX, Inc. Wellington, Florida

## "George Cicotte did a great job!"

Carolyn Phifer Human Resources Manager Lowe's Companies, Inc. Gainesville, Georgia

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The Certificate in Employee Benefits Law<sup>SM</sup> Seminar enjoys a well-earned reputation as the "complete" benefits law program for today's employee benefits professionals.

This 4½ day seminar provides current, practically-oriented, and detailed information on all significant employee benefits law issues, directives and regulations. Both experienced and less experienced employee benefits and human resources management professionals find this program delivers the depth and breadth of

benefit coverage they require in virtually every aspect of retirement plans, special benefit issues and welfare benefit plans.

Consider that this program provides:

- A thorough presentation of benefit statutes and regulations from the "alphabet soup" of ERISA, COBRA, FMLA, GATT, IRS, DOL and more; to the detail surrounding the HIPAA guidelines; to the demands and impact of Sarbanes-Oxley and corporate business ethics; and much more.
- Instruction from IAML's nationally renowned benefits faculty; the highly qualified and experienced presenters (all of whom are practicing attorneys) share their insight, guidance, and savvy on all significant benefits law issues.
- Complete, comprehensive, up-to-date set of materials serving as course working manuals and desktop references.

These enjoyable seminars have it all...timely, comprehensive content; experienced and talented presenters; detailed, extensive materials; and attractive, convenient locations. And by participating in this 4½ day seminar you will earn IAML's prestigious Certificate in Employee Benefits Law. We hope that we can look forward to your participation.

Sincerely yours,

Robert M. Lee Executive Director

# **Objectives and Features**

of the Certificate in Employee Benefits Law<sup>SM</sup> Seminar

## **OVERVIEW OF SEMINAR**

The Certificate in Employee Benefits Law<sup>SM</sup> Seminar is a 4<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> day program that is designed to be the most comprehensive and practical seminar available in its field. The seminar covers employee benefits issues that arise in the design and administration of employee benefit plans, the management of their assets, controversies between plan sponsors, trustees, participants and the numerous government agencies that regulate these plans. The accelerating changes in the legal environment, coupled with the complex, technical nature of the laws and regulations and increasing governmental scrutiny, make it extremely difficult to keep current in this field.

This seminar addresses this need by providing participants with insights into the many regulations, laws and their requirements, the governmental agencies which administer and enforce those laws, and the litigation and court opinions resulting from the enforcement efforts of these agencies, as well as private causes of action to enforce the provisions of these laws. The goal of this seminar is to improve the participant's ability to identify and limit risks to their organization in dealing with employee benefit plans and to provide "best practices" insights. The program is sponsored and designed by the Institute for Applied Management & Law, Inc. in consultation with attorneys from leading law firms who regularly advise and represent a broad range of plan sponsors and plan fiduciaries in their dealings with employee benefit plans.

### **PROGRAM OBJECTIVES**

The 4½ day Certificate in Employee Benefits Law<sup>SM</sup> Seminar is designed to give participants the practical information they need to be more effective professionals. This is accomplished by providing the following:

• A comprehensive understanding of the requirements of federal and state laws and regulations relating to the administration of employee benefit plans and the management of their assets and how they affect plan sponsors, plan fiduciaries, and plan service providers.

- The basic skills to administer employee benefit plans and manage their assets pursuant to the current requirements of the law; to recognize and avoid problem areas and to cope with regulatory requirements; to respond appropriately to compliance complaints; and to minimize the possibility of expensive and time-consuming litigation.
- Information regarding current regulatory, litigation, and legislative developments and trends in the employee benefits field which will enable participants to make important contributions to the administration and management of employee benefit plans performed by their organizations, and to anticipate and cope with the ever-emerging regulatory and enforcement developments in these critical areas.

#### **BENEFITS**

By participating in the Certificate in Employee Benefits Law<sup>SM</sup> Seminar you will:

- Learn the "best practices" in this complex field, including recent developments
- Improve your on-the-job skills immediately
- Increase your confidence in dealing with the complex area of employee benefits
- Reduce your organization's exposure to expensive and time-consuming litigation
- Update your information and knowledge in a rapidly chang-ing field of law
- Have all your employee benefits law questions answered by highly experienced attorneys and consultants
- Increase your value to your organization
- Meet and exchange ideas with colleagues in a stimulating environment
- Earn an important credential... The Certificate in Employee Benefits Law<sup>SM</sup>...from a highly respected organization... The Institute for Applied Management & Law, Inc.

#### **SEMINAR FORMAT**

BLOCK I 2 Days Monday & Tuesday Retirement Plans

BLOCK II 1 Day Wednesday Benefit Plan Claims, Appeals and Litigation Tips and Traps

BLOCK III 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> Days Thursday & Friday Health Care Reform and Other Welfare Benefit Plan Issues

#### **SEMINAR FEATURES**

#### **Seminar Structure**

The Certificate in Employee Benefits Law<sup>SM</sup> Seminar is comprised of three "blocks" of instruction which are presented on 4½ consecutive days. Participants are encouraged to register for the entire program; however, registrations for only one or two of the blocks are accepted.

#### **Extensive Materials**

The Certificate in Employee Benefits Law<sup>SM</sup> reference materials are specially prepared for this seminar and are completely current. The materials are used during the seminar and serve as valuable desktop manuals on the job.

#### **Certificate Awarded**

The Certificate in Employee Benefits Law<sup>SM</sup> is awarded when a participant attends all three blocks of the seminar. No examinations are given. Certificates are mailed two to four weeks after the end of each program. NOTE: If you complete only one or two blocks you can still receive a certificate if you complete the remaining block or blocks within a two-year period. All blocks need not be completed at the same location.

#### **Renowned Instructors**

All seminar block leaders are nationally renowned employee benefits law attorneys from leading law firms who have extraordinary backgrounds, extensive practical experience and a demonstrated ability to teach the material in an interesting manner.

#### **Personal Interaction**

Faculty members encourage questions from participants. All your questions will be answered during the ample time provided during sessions, at breaks, lunches and after the sessions. The collegial atmosphere fosters the sharing of ideas and experiences among participants. "I enjoyed the open and casual approach to this training. All in attendance appeared comfortable enough to participate and ask questions."

Deborah Carnelli Resolutions and Receivership Specialist Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Dallas, Texas

#### "Both instructors were clearly knowledgeable and informed on the latest developments."

Julie M. Lindstrom Human Resources Specialist Fluor Hanford Richland, Washington

"I really enjoyed the class. I appreciated Tom Schendt's teaching styles and how he involved everyone in the class and made it interactive. He certainly succeeded in making a potentially boring subject quite fun."

S. Greg Robinson Human Resources and Safety Manager Suominen Nonwovens Bethune, South Carolina

#### "I have taken three programs with IAML and they have all been excellent and provided a wealth of knowledge."

Carrie Shields, PHR, SHRM-CP Human Resources Specialist IV JT3 LLC North Las Vegas, Nevada

#### "Loved the instructors! The course provided so much valuable information."

Emily Ruelle, PHR, SHRM-CP People Partner Google Seattle, Washington

### Who Should Attend

Representatives from plan sponsors, organizations which serve as plan fiduciaries, and entities which provide services to employee benefit plans will all profit from attending. This seminar will be of particular benefit to those with the titles and/ or responsibilities listed below.

- Plan administrators
- Bank trust and legal departments
- Managers of the human resources departments of plan sponsors
- Human Resource Professionals
- Insurance companies managing plan assets
- Registered investment managers serving as fiduciaries
- Broker-dealers providing services to plans
- Third party plan administrators
- Record keepers to plans
- Finance professionals
- Officers and directors of plan sponsors
- Plan trustees
- Named fiduciaries of employee benefit plans
- Attorneys, counseling plan sponsors or plan fiduciaries
- Corporate counsel
- Accountants providing services to plans
- Actuaries providing services to plans
- Employee Benefit Specialists

"Dominic DeMatties brought a great energy and wealth of knowledge. I appreciated the real-life examples and application. Ashley Gillihan was also great. He spoke my "visual" language and was very knowledgeable and engaging."

Joyce Duffey Benefits Manager Mondi Bags Atlanta, Georgia

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# SEMINAR CONTENT The Certificate In Employee Benefits Law<sup>SM</sup>

# Block I: Retirement Plans

# Monday & Tuesday

#### Overview of the Statutes and Regulatory Agencies Governing Retirement Plans

- The Alphabet of Laws (ERISA, ADA, COBRA, FMLA, GATT, USERRA, HIPAA and EGTRRA) and agencies (IRS, DOL, EBSA, PBGC, EEOC, SEC and HCFA)
- ERISA Title I and Title II and the division of authority between the IRS, the Department of Labor and the PBGC
- Overview of plan types and qualification requirements

#### Fiduciary Rules and Investing Plan Assets

- Overview of prohibited transactions, exemptions, penalties and corrections
- Participant investment direction-Is 404(c) worth all the trouble?
- Participant investment direc-
- tion in an up and down marketWhen investments go bad,
- who is liable?Plan fiduciaries, cofiduciary
- liability and the liability of service providers
- Paying expenses from plan assets
- Why is the DOL so interested in proxy voting?
- The lessons being learned from Enron
- Investment of education versus advice

# Nondiscrimination Testing for Retirement Plans

- Overview of nondiscrimination testing of participation, benefits, and contributions
- Controlled groups rules
- Highly compensated employee definition
- Coverage rules (Code Section 410(B)), including QSLOBs
- Nondiscriminatory Contributions (Code Section 401(A)(4))
- Safe harbors and general rules for contributions
- Testing benefits, rights, and features
- Cross testing and age weighted profit sharing plans

- 401(k) and 401(m) testing and safe harbor plans
- Dealing with failed 401(k) and 401(m) testing

#### Plan Administration

- Day-to-Day Challenges of Plan Administration
- Participant loans
- QDROs
- Salary deferrals and catch-up contributions
- Paperless administration
- Sarbanes-Oxley and blackout periods
- ERISA Section 204(h) notices
- Suspension of benefits provisions

#### Plan Distributions

- When can participants take money out of the plan?
- Withholding and rollovers
- Consent rules
- Joint and survivor rules
- Hardship distributions
- Code Section 411(d)(6) Anticutback rules and elimination of distribution methods
- Minimum required distributions at age 70½
- Retroactive annuity starting dates
   Plan Audits and IRS and

#### Plan Audits and IRS and DOL Voluntary Compliance Programs

- Plan Qualification: What is it?
- What happens if a plan is disqualified?
- IRS audit targets
- Correcting errors under IRS compliance programs
- Correcting errors discovered by IRS in an audit
- Late forms filing and how to resolve
- Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program
- Compliance audits/compliance controls

#### Early Retirement Incentive Programs

- Designing the program to achieve goals
- Designing the program to comply with ADEA waiver rules
- Designing to comply with 401(A)(4) rules for retirement early windows
- What the courts are telling us about early retirement windows and ADEA waivers

#### Government and Nonprofit Employers – Qualified and Nonqualified Plans

- Who is the employer? How controlled group rules apply to government and nonprofit employees
- Qualification standards for government plans
- Code Section 403(B) plans-contribution limits and IRS audit and voluntary correction programs
- Eligible and Ineligible Code Section 457 plans

## Block II: Benefit Plan Claims, Appeals and Litigation Tips and Traps Wednesday

#### **ERISA Compliance**

- Learn which plans ERISA covers
- How to deal with state-law requirements
- Plan documentation and reporting obligations to participants and the government
- Administering benefit claims
- Making your administrative decisions bullet-proof
- Learn about new ERISA developments and how they impact your plan
- Managing your plans to mitigate the risk of fiduciary liability under ERISA
- Understanding and satisfying fiduciary obligations
- Identifying and investing plan assets
- Protecting your plan's right to reimbursementAvoiding the anti-cutback rule

**ERISA Litigation** 

**ERISA Litigation Hot** 

**Advantages** 

**Topics** 

# Block III: Health Care Reform and Other Welfare Benefit Plan Issues

Thursday & ½ day Friday

#### ERISA Compliance for Health & Welfare (H&W) Plans: A Hands-On Discussion for Employers and Plan Administrators

- Which welfare plans are subject to ERISA
- Reporting requirements (Form 5500)
- Disclosure requirements (SPD, SMM, etc.)
- Electronic SPDs
- Plan funding rules
- Trust requirements
- What funds are plan assets
- Cafeteria plan trust moratorium
- Fiduciary Obligations
- Prohibited transaction issues
- DOL claim procedure requirements
- ERISA 510 claims
- Impact of ERISA on claims litigation
- Preemption and state law regulation

#### Health Care Reform: A Walk Through of Compliance Requirements Every Employer Needs to Know

- Introduction to the Affordable Care Act (ACA) Compliance Mandates
- Play or Pay and the Employer Obligation to Extend Health Coverage
- Cadillac tax and How to Avoid It
- ACA Reporting
- New developments and issues under the Trump Administration

#### **HIPAA Privacy Overview**

- Privacy issues for health plan sponsors
- Business associate contract requirements

### The H & W Plan Alphabet

- Impact of employment nondiscrimination laws on H & W benefits
- Age Discrimination (ADEA)
- Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act (GINA)
- Pregnancy Discrimination Act
- Americans With Disabilities Act
- Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA)
- Military leave (USERRA)QMCSOs
- Health plan mandates
- Mental Health Parity
- Medicare Secondary
- Cancer Rights Act

#### **Cafeteria Plan Issues**

- Cafeteria plan basics
- Which benefits can be pre-taxed
- Who can participate
- The irrevocable election rule and change in status exceptions
- Health and Dependent Care FSAs
- Which expenses qualify
- Claim substantiation rules

#### Introduction to Private Exchanges and Consumer Driven Health Care

- Health Savings Accounts (HSAs)
- Introduction to HRA rollover accounts
- What's a Private Exchange and Why Do I Need One

#### Discrimination Testing Basics

- Which H & W plans must comply
- Basic operating rules
- What to do if you fail
- COBRA
- COBRA basics
- What the courts are telling us
- Forms and procedures

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# PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

#### Human Resource Certification Institute (HCRI)

This seminar has been approved for 29.75 (general) recertification credit hours toward PHR, SPHR, and GPHR recertification.

#### Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM)

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#### International Foundation of Employee Benefit Plans

Earn 29.75 Continuing Education Credits towards CEBS recertification

#### Continuing Legal Education Units

IAML is designated as an approved provider of professional training for the states of California and Pennsylvania. This 4½ day activity has been approved for Minimum Continuing Legal Education credits by the State Bars of California and Pennsylvania in the amount of 29.5 credit hours.

Other States: This seminar has been approved for CLE credits in many other states. Please call IAML to see if your state has been approved for CLE this year. IAML requests 45 days prior notification that you wish such credit. An additional charge may be involved.

#### "The course was very beneficial and the instructor did a great job."

Glen Thorpe Consultant G.A. Thorpe Consulting Solutions LLC Denver, Colorado

"Leah Singleton has an amazing talent to take content not easily understood and break it down to make it relatable and retainable. She avoided just reading from the slides and apply it to current scenarios a leader could face at work."

Tamara Webb, PHR Pension Manager Ingersoll Rand Company Davidson, North Carolina

#### "The instructors were fantastic, engaging, dynamic and made the topic tangible and fun."

Deborah Greene Sr. Vice President, Human Resources Israel Discount Bank of New York New York, New York

#### "John Hickman gave a great presentation. He was enthusiastic, engaging and made the topics discussed relevant to everyone in attendance."

Jennie Waski, PHR Sr. Benefits Analyst Sage Hospitality Denver, Colorado

#### "The instructors did a fantastic job of presenting the information and maintaining participant engagement."

Sandy Lovett Human Resources Program Manager Thiele Kaolin Company Sandersville, Georgia

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# **2019 Seminar Schedule**

#### ATLANTA, GEORGIA

April 8-12, 2019 Atlanta Marriott Suites Midtown (404) 876-8888

#### **ORLANDO, FLORIDA**

**July 15-19, 2019** Marriott Orlando World Center (407) 239-4200

#### LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

October 21-25, 2019 Planet Hollywood Resort & Casino (866) 919-7472



Block I April 8-9 Retirement Plans Dominic DeMatties Partner Alston & Bird

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Block II April 10 Benefit Plan Claims, Appeals and Litigation Tips and Traps Emily Hootkins Sr. Associate Alston & Bird

Block III April 11-12 Health Care Reform and Other Health and Welfare Benefit Plan Issues John F. Hickman Partner

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Block II July 17 Benefit Plan Claims, Appeals and Litigation Tips and Traps George F. Cicotte Founder The Cicotte Law Firm

Block III July 18-19 Health Care Reform and Other Health and Welfare Benefit Plan Issues Ashley Gillihan Counsel Alston & Bird

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Block II October 23 Benefit Plan Claims, Appeals and Litigation Tips and Traps George F. Cicotte, Esq. Founder The Cicotte Law Firm

Block III October 24-25 Health Care Reform and Other Health and Welfare Benefit Plan Issues John F. Hickman Partner Alston & Bird

The 4-star Planet Hollywood Resort features rooms that meet its Hollywood theme, each room is dedicated to a certain movie and feature actual props and memorabilia from the film. You're just minutes away from the Bellagio, the Cosmopolitan, Paris Casino, the Desert Passage Shops and the Shops at Crystals. Guest rooms include 42-inch plasma tv's, pillow-top mattresses and PH Hip Luxury Bedding. Enjoy two outdoor pools, a children's pool, the strip's first FlowRider Wave-in-a-Box Double, a full-service spa, and fitness center. Hungry? The resort is home to 20 onsite restaurants. Feel like shopping? More than 150 world-class and one-of-a-kind retail shops and several unique restaurants can be found in the Miracle Mile Shops.

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# **Faculty Biographies**

A faculty of leading employee benefit law attorneys teach the Certificate in Employee Benefits Law<sup>SM</sup> Seminar at each location. They are acknowledged experts in the subjects within their blocks and are excellent presenters.

#### **George F. Cicotte**



is the founder and owner of The Cicotte Law Firm. Before establishing his firm, he practiced in Washington D.C. with one of the nation's preeminent law firms. His broad employee benefits practice involves such diverse issues as labor relations, tax, privacy, employment and fiduciary

responsibility. In addition to providing advice and counsel, he frequently defends ERISA lawsuits. He has spoken throughout the country for entities including SHRM, the Western Pension and Benefits Conference and The National Employer Conference. He earned his J.D. at Brigham Young University and his B.A. at the University of Pennsylvania.

#### **Dominic DeMatties**



is a partner with Alston & Bird's Employee Benefits & Executive Compensation Team in Washington, D.C. where he focuses on the design and compliance of qualified and nonqualified deferred compensation plans. He has significant practical and policy experience related to 401(k)

plans, employee stock ownership plans (ESOPs) and defined benefit plans. Before joining Alston & Bird, he served as an attorney-advisor in the Office of the Benefits Tax Counsel and Office of Tax Policy at the U.S. Department of the Treasury. He received his B.A. from State University of New York at Geneseo, his M.S. from Rochester Institute of Technology and J.D. from Georgetown University.

#### **Ashley Gillihan**



is a member of Alston & Bird's Employee Benefits and Executive Compensation Group. His practice focuses exclusively on health and welfare benefit plan matters. He lectures frequently and has published a number of articles on health and welfare benefit plan compliance topics. Mr.

Gillihan is a graduate of Samford University's Cumberland School of Law.

#### John R. Hickman



is a partner in the Employee Benefits Practice Group with Alston & Bird. He received his law degree from Emory University School of Law, graduating with distinction, where he received the Order of the Coif Award. Mr. Hickman's practice focuses primarily upon health and welfare benefit plan matters. He has lectured widely and published articles on HIPAA, ERISA

litigation, cafeteria and welfare plan issues. Mr. Hickman is also on the editorial advisory board of the Benefits Law Journal and the Publications Committee of SIIA.

#### **H. Douglas Hinson**



is the leader of Alston & Bird's ERISA Litigation Group and a member of the Securities Litigation Group. He concentrates his practice on ERISA litigation, securities litigation, complex commercial and transaction-based litigation and class action defense. Mr. Hinson is a noted author and speaker on various

topics related to ERISA, securities and transaction-based litigation. He received his J.D. degree, cum laude, from Georgetown University Law Center. He is a member of the ABA's Joint Committee on Employee Benefits sponsored by the Sections on Labor and Employment Law, Taxation and Tort and Insurance Practice. He is a presenter in the Advanced Benefits Law Seminar.

#### **Emily Hootkins**



is a senior associate in the Atlanta office of Alston & Bird, where she focuses her practice on the defense of employee benefits disputes and counseling plan sponsors and fiduciaries on regulatory compliance issues and litigation avoidance

strategies. She has extensive experience defending ERISA lawsuits, including class actions involving employer stock, service provider fees, plan investments, benefit terminations, retiree health and welfare benefits, private ESOP transactions, and severance matters. She regularly advises clients on individual benefit claims, both during the administrative review process and litigation; and frequently represents clients in government investigations for civil and criminal violations of ERISA. She has been named a Super Lawyers Rising Star for Employee Benefits in Georgia every year since 2016. She received her J.D., cum laude, from Harvard Law School.

#### Thomas G. Schendt



is a partner in the Washington, D.C. office of Alston & Bird. Previously, he worked for the Internal Revenue Service, where he assisted in the coordination of national employee benefits litigation, including plan disputes and compliance initiatives.

He has lectured frequently and published numerous articles on employee benefits topics. He serves on the editorial boards for BNA's Daily Tax Report and Pension and Benefits Reporter. He received his J.D. from Marquette University Law School.

#### **Leah Singleton**



As Counsel in the Atlanta office of Thompson Hine, Ms. Singleton advises clients on all aspects of employee benefits and executive compensation plans, including their design, implementation, maintenance, correction and termination, as

well as ongoing compliance with applicable laws. She advises on pension plan funding, withdrawal issues for multi-employer plans, de-risking of pension plans, and other retirement plan compliance issues triggered by business reorganizations, plan funding, bankruptcy and reductions-in-force. In addition, she advises buyers and sellers on benefit plan issues in corporate transactions such as mergers and acquisitions, stock purchases and asset purchases, including controlled group and affiliated service group issues, impacted benefits, plan consolidations, plan terminations and plan asset transfers. She received her J.D. from Mercer University School of Law.



#### **Outstanding Faculty**

Popular instructor, John R. Hickman (right), partner in the law firm of Alston & Bird, with recent seminar attendees. Mr. Hickman is a featured speaker in IAML's Atlanta and Las Vegas programs and in IAML's Employee Benefits Law Update Seminar.

# About IAML

The Institute for Applied Management & Law, Inc. (IAML) produces practically-oriented seminars for professionals requiring timely and accurate information in employee benefits law, human resource management and employment law.

Founded in 1979, IAML is the nation's leading producer of practical and comprehensive law seminars. More than 70,000 people from thousands of organizations have participated in IAML programs.

Based in Newport Beach, California, IAML works closely with leading law firms and practitioners across the country. In addition to the Certificate in Employee Benefits Law<sup>sM</sup> Seminar, IAML offers the following:

- 2019 Employee Benefits Law Updates – 16th Annual Advanced Seminars
- The Certificate in Employee Relations Law<sup>™</sup> Seminar
- 2019 Employment Law Updates

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   Conferences
- The Certificate in Essentials of Human Resource Management<sup>™</sup> Seminar
- Certificate in Conducting Lawful Workplace Investigations<sup>™</sup> Seminar
- In-House Training Programs
- Webinars on a variety of topics
- IAML also offers proven DVD training products, including a 33 title Employment Law Series, and a 5 title Employment Law Compliance Program that features an optional testing and certification component.

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## "Great material, great pacing, super instructors. A true A+."

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