Legal Perspectives on the Rewards and Challenges of Religion in the Workplace

Thursday, January 18, 2018
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

McNally Amphitheater
140 W 62th Street

Free and open to the public.

Speakers:
Stephen Sloan, Senior Principal, Accenture Analytics
Katrina L. Baker, Associate, Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP
Rabbi Tsvi Blanchard, Meyer Struckmann Professor of Jewish Law, Humboldt Faculty of Law in Berlin, Scholar-in-Residence, Institute on Religion, Law & Lawyer's Work at Fordham Law School.
Endy Moraes, Fellow, Institute on Religion, Law & Lawyer's Work, Fordham Law School

As the economy becomes increasingly global, our workforce becomes increasingly diverse. Diversity not only involves how people perceive themselves, but how they perceive others. Those perceptions affect their interactions and effectiveness. Today more than ever, organizational success and competitiveness depends on the ability to engage a multiplicity of viewpoints and perspectives.

The Accenture Interfaith group and Fordham Law School will be co-hosting an exciting event where we will be exploring the rewards and challenges of religious diversity in the workplace, and the benefits of encouraging people to bring their whole self to work.
We will also review the legal underpinnings protecting this diversity and the issues that might arise.

RSVP by January 17 or at the door.
Questions will be encouraged and refreshments will be provided.

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VENUE:
Fordham Law School
Bateman Room

6:00 PM  Welcome by Endy Moraes, and introduction of the panel.
6:03 PM  Stephen Sloan’s presentation.
6:33 PM  Katrina L. Baker’s presentation.
6:43 PM  Endy Moraes and Tsvi Blanchard’s presentation.
7:00 PM  Interactive workshop.
7:20 PM  Q&A session.
7:55 PM  Conclusion.
Biographies

Speakers:

Katrina L. Baker, is a Special Counsel at Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP. Katrina's practice focuses on advising and representing employers in connection with employment law matters and policies. She has represented employers in federal and state courts, administrative proceedings, and arbitration panels. Katrina has experience litigating a variety of employment law claims, including age, race, gender, disability, caregiver and national origin discrimination allegations, and in retaliation, wrongful discharge, wage and hour, whistleblower, contract, restrictive covenant, and bonus claims. Katrina also assists employers by drafting policies and agreements, conducting investigations, and providing advice regarding all aspects of employment law. Katrina devotes a significant amount of time to pro bono activities, and has been recognized as a Rising Star by New York Super Lawyers from 2014 through 2017. In 2016, she was one of three finalists for Chambers USA Diversity Award for Future Leader – Minority Lawyer.

Stephen Sloan has worked at Accenture for twelve years. He is currently a Senior Principal in the Accenture Analytics group. He has worked in a variety of functional areas in Project Management, Data Management, and Statistical Analysis. Stephen has a B.A. in Mathematics from Brandeis University, M.S. degrees in Mathematics and Computer Science from Northern Illinois University, and an MBA from Stern Business School at New York University. Stephen has a long-standing interest in and passion for diversity. He is very grateful to be able to present about Accenture's interfaith activities and learn about the legal structure from colleagues at Fordham.

Endy Moraes, in-coming director at the Institute on Religion Law and Lawyer's Work at Fordham Law School, is a Brazilian lawyer with extensive experience in inter-religious and intercultural dialogue. At Fordham, Endy works directly with students in developing opportunities for promoting multifaith and multicultural dialogue, as well as assist them in managing their religious commitments and lives as lawyers. Endy has also an LLM, cum laude, from Fordham Law School, and is admitted to practice in New York. She is a member of the Focolare Movement of the Catholic Church, living in community.

Rabbi Tsvi Blanchard is the Meyer Struckmann Professor of Jewish Law at Humboldt University Faculty of Law in Berlin, as well as scholar in residence at the Institute for Law, Religion and Lawyer's Work at Fordham Law School where he teaches Jewish law. Rabbi Blanchard holds Ph.D. degrees in Philosophy and in Psychology. Tsvi taught philosophy and Jewish studies at Washington, Northwestern and Loyola Universities as well as at the Drisha Institute for
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Women. Tsvi coauthored a book entitled Embracing Life, Facing Death: a Jewish Guide to Palliative Care. In addition to his articles on Jewish law, his publications include the 2002 Riesman award winning “How to Think About Being Jewish in the Twenty-First Century: a New Model of Jewish Identity Construction”. His popular writings includes widely-anthologized parables, and numerous web short pieces on Jewish topics.