

NAME OF EVENT: Immunizing the Labor Market?: Protecting American Workers During a Pandemic

(This event has been approved for 1 hour of California MCLE credit.)

DATE | TIME | LOCATION: March 27, 2020 | 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. ET | Briefing Call

BRIEF DESCRIPTION: As COVID-19 spreads throughout the country, more than a million workers are expected to lose their jobs by the end of March. Those who remain employed face other obstacles, especially healthcare workers, who may lack protective gear, and minimum wage and gig economy workers without paid sick and family leave. As federal and state governments mobilize to combat COVID-19 and shore up the economy, what can they do to protect American workers? How can gaps in our social safety net be addressed in the short and the long-term? And what role should industry play in cooperation with government to make sure that workers are central to whatever solutions are adopted?

SPEAKERS' NAMES AND BIOS:

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Debra Perlin, Director of Policy and Program, ACS, *Moderator*

AGENDA OF CONFERENCE CALL:

5 minutes introduction
30 minutes speakers' presentations
20 minutes Q&A
5 minutes conclusion

MATERIALS FOR CALL:

Michele Evermore, [Coronavirus and Unemployment Insurance: Options for Policymakers to Mitigate Job Loss](#), NELP POLICY BRIEF (March 6, 2020).

Terri Gerstein, [America Needs Paid Sick Leave Laws to Stop Coronavirus from Spreading](#), THE HILL (March 4, 2020).

Charlotte Garden, [*The Seattle Solution: Collective Bargaining by For-Hire Drivers and Prospects for Pro-Labor Federalism*](#), HARV. L. & POL'Y REV (2018).

Hiba Hafiz, Shu-Yi Oei, et. al., [*Regulation in Pandemic: Evaluating Economic and Financial Policy Responses to the Coronavirus Crisis*](#), BOSTON COLLEGE LAW SCHOOL LEGAL STUDIES RESEARCH PAPER NO. 527 (March 2020).

Heather Long & Abha Bhattarai, [*As Layoffs Skyrocket, the Holes in America's Safety Net are Becoming Apparent*](#), WASH POST (March 19, 2020).

Kari Paul, [*Coronavirus Forces Companies Like Uber and Lyft to Reckon with Workers Rights*](#), THE GUARDIAN (March 11, 2020).

Kate Andrias, [*Peril and Possibility: Strikes, Rights, and Legal Change in the Era of Trump*](#), BERKELEY J, EMP. & LAB. L. 40, no. 1 (2019)

Catherine Fisk, [*Hollywood Writers and the Gig Economy*](#), U. CHI. LEGAL F. (2018)

Alissa Quart, [*Gig Economy Workers Are Our Newest First Responders*](#), SLATE (March 12, 2020)

Madison Pauly, [*There's One Easy Thing Trump Could Do Tomorrow to Protect Healthcare Workers From Coronavirus*](#), Mother Jones (March 8, 2020).