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COVID-19 INSIGHTS UPDATE

Holland & Knight COVID-19 Insights

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We trust you and your families are all well, safe and in good health. Holland & Knight in partnership with the Israel-America Chamber of Commerce keeps you updated on pertinent American-Israeli topics relating to legal considerations and federal funding opportunities in connection with the coronavirus (COVID-19).

We invite you to read the Alerts below and reach out to us to discuss your thoughts or any questions you may have on this issue.

More information is available on our [COVID-19 Response Team page](#).

Relevant Insights:

- [We're Open for Business: Israeli Companies in the U.S.](#)

Israel Practice Co-Chair Meital Stavinsky authored a blog post for The Times of Israel outlining important considerations for Israeli companies with operations in the United States as they seek to remain updated on and in compliance with federal, state and local government workplace safety guidelines. These



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guidelines have changed throughout the course of the COVID-19 pandemic, and state civil immunity laws that protect businesses from COVID-19-related lawsuits vary widely. Ms. Stavinsky outlines considerations for compliance with OSHA regulations and anti-discrimination laws, deep cleaning, personal protective equipment and other related topics.

- [Bankruptcy Implications for Commercial Landlords with Bankrupt or Near-Bankrupt Tenants](#)

Real Estate Attorneys Amy Klug and Meg Raker authored an article in Pratt's Journal of Bankruptcy Law discussing the implications for commercial landlords with bankrupt or near-bankrupt tenants. With tenant closures and lease defaults on the rise in the wake of the economic downturn caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, tenant bankruptcy filings are a major concern for landlords across the real estate industry. This article is intended as a guideline for commercial landlords evaluating their leases and workout options—but it is not an exhaustive list of all of the intricacies and consequences that may follow a tenant bankruptcy.

- [Proactive Steps for Businesses to Reduce Potential Liability Under Georgia COVID-19 Immunity Law](#)

Georgia has joined the list of states that have passed liability protection measures to mitigate the potential liability imposed upon businesses reopening to the public during the COVID-19 pandemic. Earlier this month, Gov. Brian Kemp signed into law the COVID-19 Pandemic Business Safety Act (the Act), which contains provisions that Georgia businesses can utilize to minimize potential liability for any COVID-19 "liability claim." This Holland & Knight alert highlights a number of considerations presented by the Act for owners and operators of public-facing businesses in Georgia, such as office buildings, retail establishments and other facilities.

Holland & Knight Upcoming Webinars:

- [Emerging Compliance Trends During and After COVID-19](#)

Date/Time: August 26 at 11 am ET

This webinar will discuss the current changes in compliance and the financial industry due to the effects of COVID-19. The speakers will be providing detailed insight into how Compliance Officers, Internal/external Audit and Legal Counsel are adapting through the change in circumstances, identifying current trends, and maintaining best practices.

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