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Case: Hawkins

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| Name | Americans with Disabilities Act |
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| Jurisdiction | N/A |
| Type + | Statute |
| Citation | Public Law 101-336 |
| Description | The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a Federal civil rights law that <i>prohibits</i> the exclusion of people with disabilities from everyday activities. To meet the goals of the ADA, the law established requirements for private businesses of all sizes. These requirements first went into effect on January 26, 1992, and continue for both for-profit and non-profit organizations . |
| Linked | Wrongful Termination, Damages |
| Issues | |

| Name | Bell v. Farmers Insurance Exchange |
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| Jurisdiction | Cal. Super. Ct |
| Type + | Case Law |
| Citation | ?? |
| Description | On July 10, 2001 a California Jury gave insurance adjusters \$90 million for <i>uncompensated overtime</i> . Some 2,400 current and former Farmers Insurance Exchange adjusters more than \$90 million on their class action claims they were denied overtime pay |
| Linked | Retaliation |
| Issues | |

| Name | Ragsdale et. al. v. Wolverine World Wide, Inc. |
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| Jurisdiction | US Supreme Court |
| Type + | Case Law |
| Citation | 218 F.3d 933 |
| Description | The Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 (FMLA) guarantees <i>qualifying</i> employees 12 weeks of unpaid leave each year and encourages businesses to adopt more generous policies. Respondent Wolverine World Wide, Inc., granted petitioner Ragsdale 30 weeks of medical leave under its more generous policy in 1996. It refused her request for additional leave or permission to work part time and terminated her when she did not return to work. She filed suit, alleging that 29 CFR § |

| | 825.700(a), a Labor Department regulation, required Wolverine to grant her 12 additional weeks of leave because it had not informed her that the 30-week absence would count against her FMLA entitlement. The District Court granted Wolverine summary judgment, finding that the regulation was in conflict with the statute and invalid because it required Wolverine to grant Ragsdale more than 12 weeks of FMLA-compliant leave in one year. The Eighth Circuit agreed. |
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| Linked Issues | Retaliation |

| Name | Walia v. Aetna Inc. |
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| Jurisdiction | CA Court of Appeal |
| Type + | Case Law |
| Citation | CA Court of Appeal No. 091221, 2001 |
| Description | Aetna had merged with U.S. Healthcare which is headquartered in Pennsylvania. All "key employees" were asked to sign a noncompete and confidentiality agreement "that prevented them from working for a competitor in the same state for six months after termination. Anita Walia, an account manager in Aetna US Healthcare's San Francisco office, was told that she would lose her job if she didn't sign the agreement." |
| Linked | Damages |
| Issues | |

| Name | Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act |
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| Jurisdiction | N/A |
| Type + | Statute |
| Citation | 29 U.S.C. §§2101 to 2109 |
| Description | aka WARN. A company with 100 or more full time employees must provide employees with 60 days' notice of its intention to close a facility (department, division, plant, etc.) if a mass staff reduction will last more than 6 months. Note that if this pertains to your company, you must give 60 days' notice of the staff reduction to the "chief local elected official" and to the Dislocated Worker Unit (DWU) of the state in which the layoff will occur. |
| Linked Issues | Pattern & Practice |