

# **DEFEND TRADE SECRETS ACT**

# Following the White House's Call to Action February 24, 2017 • University of Denver

#### Dear Colleague:

On October 25, 2016, the Obama White House issued a Call to Action (CTA) urging states to enact non-compete reform. One might suspect the CTA is dead in the water due to the election of Donald Trump, but that notion is far from clear. Although it was styled as "Call to Action," the truth is that a multitude of state and federal bills calling for reform have been proposed in recent years. In other words, the White House is simply observing a trend.

The CTA posits that non-compete agreements are overused, and that employers can protect their interests through a "host of other legal frameworks – including trade secrets protections." Coincidentally, Congress recently enacted the Defend Trade Secrets Act (DTSA). If states are going to urge employers to rely more heavily on trade secret protection in lieu of using non-competes, it is imperative that the DTSA gets off on the right foot.

The DTSA was enacted to promote national uniformity in trade secret law. But a review of case law reveals we have anything but uniformity. Therefore, in the nascent stages of the DTSA, we are assembling nationally prominent practitioners, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and state and federal judges to discuss and analyze key aspects of the DTSA and best practices for non-compete and trade secret litigation.

Don't miss this opportunity to have your voice heard! As we gather, our goal is to influence the formation of national policy governing trade secret law. At the conclusion of the conference, a collection of our panelists will work to synthesize the discussions and ideas into a comprehensive report to be utilized as a resource for courts interpreting and applying the DTSA. In the years to come, we will continue with our educational and policymaking objectives.

Conference topics include:

- **Insights from the FBI:** Our Featured Speaker, Special Agent Gloria Harbold, will set the stage by addressing how businesses can recognize and report insider threats and theft of trade secrets.
- **DTSA Overview:** Learn about the nuts and bolts of the Act.
- **The Search for Uniformity and Understanding:** We'll identify areas in which state trade secret laws have varied, analyze the DTSA, and project a vision for uniformity going forward.
- The Interplay of Trade Secret and Non-Compete Law: We'll explore the ways trade secret and non-compete law complement each other and address issues such as the need for the inevitable disclosure doctrine.
- **Panel of Judges:** We will hear from Federal and state judges who will provide a perspective from the Bench.
- **Panel of In-House Counsel:** Hear from Counsel representing Abbott Laboratories, American Eagle Outfitters, and Garmin International.
- **Ethics:** We'll address ethical concerns regarding recruiting employees, protecting trade secrets under the DTSA, and utilizing non-competes.

I look forward to seeing you at the beautiful University of Denver campus in February to further discuss this important topic.



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**Michael R. Greco, Esq., Program Chair** Fisher Phillips, Denver

P.S. Don't miss the opportunity to ski some beautiful Colorado slopes following the Conference we should have some very nice snow for you in February!

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Schedule and Information INSIDE

#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24

#### 8:00 Welcome and Introduction

Overview of the Day: The White House's Call to Action

#### 8:15 Featured Speaker

FBI Strategic Update: Common Trends

#### 9:15 **DTSA Overview**

Nuts and Bolts of the Defend Trade Secrets Act

Federal Bureau of Investigation, Denver, CO Jennifer Kenedy, Esq., Partner

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John F. Marsh, Esq., Partner Hahn Loeser, Columbus, OH

Kenneth J. Vanko, Esq., Member

Clingen Callow & McLean, Chicago, IL

10:15 Networking Break

#### 10:30 **Panel of Judges** Federal and State

The Honorable Christine M. Arguello, US District Court Judge District of Colorado, Denver, CO

Gloria Harbold, Special Agent, Strategic Partnership Coordinator

**The Honorable A. Bruce Jones, District Court Judge** State of Colorado 2nd Judicial District Court, Denver, CO

**The Honorable Nina Y. Wang, US Magistrate Judge** District of Colorado, Denver, CO

#### 11:30 The Search for Uniformity and Understanding

Reconciling Differences Among the States

12:30 Lunch Break (on your own)

1:45 **Panel of Corporate Counsel** Lessons from the In-House Experience Naomi S. Greenstone, Esq., Senior Counsel Employment Law Litigation

Abbott Laboratories, Santa Clara, CA

**Dave Kight, Esq., Assistant General Counsel, Employment** Garmin International, Olathe, KS

Kimberly Lawrence, Esq., Deputy General Counsel and Chief Compliance Officer American Eagle Outfitters, Pittsburgh, PA

2:45 Networking Break

3:00 **Ethics** Recruiting Employees **Bob Yonowitz, Esq., Partner** Fisher Phillips, Irvine, CA

### 4:00 The Interplay of Trade Secret and Non-Compete Law

Heeding the White House's Call to Action

Russell Beck, Esq., Partner Beck Reed Riden, Boston, MA

Gary M. Kramer, Esq., Partner Gary Kramer Law, Colorado Springs, CO

5:00 Evaluations and Adjourn

Earn up to 7 Hours MCLE Credit Including One Hour of Ethics

#### **PROGRAM CHAIR**

Michael R. Greco, Esq. is a partner in the Denver office of Fisher Phillips, a national labor and employment law firm. As a member of his firm's Employee Defection and Trade Secrets Practice Group, Mr. Greco litigates and provides counseling nationwide to employers concerning issues arising from the movement of employees between competitor firms. Issues include: covenants not to compete, non-solicitation and non-disclosure agreements, unfair competition, employee raiding, trade secrets, duty of loyalty, and federal and state trade secrets and unfair competition statutes. He has prosecuted and defended hundreds of employee defection and trade secret matters, obtaining and defeating injunctive relief in almost all 50 states and their federal courts, in addition to dozens of arbitration actions before the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA). Additionally, Mr. Greco assists clients in developing and implementing coordinated local and/or national programs to protect their competitive assets against employee defection, and to minimize risks when hiring employees from competitors.

#### **KEYNOTE PRESENTER**

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# **Featured Presentation**

## FBI Strategic Update: Common Trends



#### **Gloria Harbold, Special Agent, Strategic Partnership Coordinator** Federal Bureau of Investigation, Denver, CO

Special Agent (SA) Gloria Harbold entered the FBI in 1991. Throughout over 25 years with the FBI, she has primarily focused on National Security matters with an emphasis on Counterintelligence. SA Harbold transferred to the Denver Division in August 2012 where she was assigned as the Strategic Partnership Coordinator (SPC) for the Denver Field Office. The

goal of the FBI's SPC program is to build relationships with American companies across all business sectors to enhance their understanding of the threat posed to their programs and personnel by foreign intelligence services and foreign competitors. This dialogue increases the quality and quantity of counterintelligence-related information shared with the FBI by companies, resulting in the disruption of foreign intelligence activities and foreign adversaries targeting our US companies.

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- American Eagle Outfitters
- Federal Bureau of Investigation
- Garmin International
- State of Colorado 2nd Judicial District Court
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