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# FIRST RESPONSE—Extra-Record Discovery Requests Post-Glenn

Presented by DRI's Life, Health and Disability Committee

This webcast is designed to help litigators and in-house counsel understand what to expect when facing extra-administrative record discovery requests subsequent to the Supreme Court's decision in *Metlife v. Glenn*, and how to counsel their clients accordingly. In addition to discussing recent developments and trends in this emerging body of ERISA law, the course will teach you the critical actions that you and your client need to take immediately upon receiving notice, or in anticipation, of a claim or lawsuit. It will also cover discovery burdens and expectations, including new e-discovery requirements and privilege issues. Finally, the course will cover strategies for opposing, and defeating, extra-record discovery requests.

#### **Who Should Attend**

- All ERISA litigators, especially those who are not full-time ERISA litigators or who are relatively new to ERISA litigation
- Seasoned ERISA litigators who want to learn about the latest developments in this emerging body of ERISA law
- In-house counsel for companies with ERISA governed products

#### What You Will Learn

- How to effectively assist your client in the first days after receiving an ERISA claim or lawsuit
- What to tell clients about the expected burdens of ERISA discovery after *Glenn*, with an emphasis on strategies for resisting and defeating such discovery
- How in-house counsel can effectively approach and counsel business clients regarding the new playing field of discovery in ERISA cases, including electronic discovery implications
- New developments in and a survey of case law regarding conflict and other extra-record discovery requests since *Glenn*, and lessons to be learned

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share his practical experience and advice for opposing and defeating these discovery requests.

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