



## LEADERSHIP COUNCIL FORUM



### Follow Up: Carolinas Leadership Council Forum

NAPEO hosted its Carolinas Leadership Council Forum on February 6, 2017 in Columbia, South Carolina. The meeting opened with an update from Becky Dover, Staff Attorney with the South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA). Ms. Dover provided an update on the Department's current initiatives, including news about DCA's new online application system. Ms. Dover informed attendees PEOs will soon be able to use DCA's online system for initial and renewal applications. PEOs doing business in South Carolina should receive notice prior to the implementation of the online system for PEOs from DCA.

During the event, attendees also discussed NAPEO's tax credit legislation ([Senate Bill 330](#)) and the IRS PEO certification program. SB 330 would permit client companies to claim various business development tax credits available to them. Currently, a client company is prohibited from taking any such tax credit in the state due to its contractual relationship with a PEO. Senator Mike Gambrell (R – District 4), a previous sponsor of NAPEO's tax credit legislation from the most recent legislative session, is the sponsor of SB 330. A House bill is expected to be introduced soon. NAPEO will continue to work toward enactment of the bill pursuant to the 2017 State Action Plan.

Elisabeth Kovacs, Deputy Director of Workforce Development for the South Carolina Department of Commerce provided attendees with an overview of the Department's efforts to increase small business throughout the state and its efforts to educate small business owners of opportunities available to them to grow their business. She was joined by Ashley Teasdel, Senior Program Director, Small Business and Entrepreneurship, from the South Carolina Department of Commerce.

Kathy Dudley Helms of Ogletree Deakins' Columbia office closed the meeting by discussing hot topics in labor and employment law, including recent FMLA, OSHA and FLSA cases. For more information, please contact [Daniel Harris](#).

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