

TO: NAW Direct Members

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**RE: NAW Critical Update Number 114 – December 22 at 5:00 PM**

***This will be our last Critical Update for 2020; we will be back in January. We wish all of you, your families, and associates a very Merry Christmas/Happy Holidays and a safe and prosperous New Year – hopefully soon to be COVID-free! We look forward to seeing you as soon as possible in safe, in-person meetings...***

## **1. LATEST ON COVID RELIEF/PAYCHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM**

The House and Senate both passed the new COVID relief bill last night and into the early hours of this morning, in both cases by overwhelming margins (the House vote was 359 to 53, and the Senate vote 92 to 6). The President is expected to sign the bill.

Given the significant business-related (and generally very business-friendly) provisions, everyone is scrambling to digest and fully understand the 5,500-page bill, including us.

We are providing for you below links to summaries/analyses of the legislation that we hope you will find useful:

**From *Forbes*:**

[What Small Business Owners Need To Know About The New Stimulus Package](#)

**From the *Journal of Accountancy*:**

[COVID-19 relief bill addresses key PPP issues](#)

**From the *Tax Foundation*:**

[Congress Reaches a Deal on \\$900 Billion in Pandemic Relief](#)

**From *American Action Forum*:**

[Major Tax Policy Changes in the Consolidated Appropriations Act](#)

**From *Little Law Firm*:**

[Congress Set to Approve Additional COVID-19 Relief for Individuals, Small Businesses](#)

## 2. Latest on Economic Recovery and Re-Opening the Workplace

As the Coronavirus Pandemic continues to impact the United States economy and businesses across the nation, it can be hard to decipher how new regulations and laws may impact your business. To help you manage these issues NAW is providing information about reports, webinars and seminars that you may find useful:

### **Webinar from *Little Law Firm*:**

#### **COVID-19 in the Workplace: Recent Developments and Compliance Challenges - Session Ten**

Friday, January 8, 2021 | 8:30 am-9:30 am PST

It has become apparent that COVID-19 is going to dominate employment and labor law issues for the foreseeable future. The American workplace has become the first frontier as the pandemic creates new legal issues – seemingly every day. In response to the many questions that business leaders, human resources professionals, and in-house counsel have about facing these new legal challenges, Littler’s Sacramento office created the “First Friday” webinar series.

To register, click [HERE](#).

**Stateside Associates** publishes a daily report about State and Local Government responses to the evolving situation. To read their latest report, click [HERE](#).

We are also providing a link to a spreadsheet that includes state and local COVID-19 response information provided by **MultiState Associates**. To view their spreadsheet, click [HERE](#).

[Click here](#) for links to *Critical Updates sent previously*.

Many thanks—

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