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Duration:

12:00 pm—1:00 pm

Lunch and Learn via Webex

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Presenter— Debbie L. Berman, Partner Jenner & Block LLP

Topic— Antisemitism & Bias in the Workplace

Biography

Debbie L. Berman is a first chair trial lawyer at Jenner & Block LLP where she co-chairs the Business Litigation, Trade Secrets and First Amendment and Defamation practices. She leads cases and client teams for multinational companies facing significant business challenges. An experienced advisor to boards and the C-suite, she helps clients resolve complex commercial matters including contractual obligations, vendor relationships, and strategic partnerships. Debbie frequently is involved in matters that make national headlines, as well as situations that require discretion and sensitivity. Her deep experience and diverse skills are utilized on matters involving complicated business disputes, trade secrets, restrictive covenants, unfair competition, trademark protection, and First Amendment litigation related to new social media platforms. She also helps develop policies and build corporate culture to protect trade secrets in the United States and international jurisdictions.

Debbie is involved in a variety of leadership roles at Jenner & Block, including serving as the co-chair of the pro bono committee. She is chair emeritus of the firm's Women's Forum and was involved in launching the firm's Jewish affinity group.

Debbie also serves in leadership roles in local, national and international philanthropic organizations. She currently is the board chair for the Midwest Region of the Anti-Defamation League where she has been involved for more than 15 years. Debbie also is a member of the Wexner Heritage Foundation Summit Seeds on antisemitism program. She also is the President of the Harvard Law Society of Illinois. She is on the board of governors of the Jewish Agency for Israel where she chairs the audit committee. And she is on the board of the Jewish United Fund/Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago where she has held a variety of leadership positions over the past 30 plus years.