

Tom Walsh Offers Guidance on Legal Issues and Areas of Concern Related to COVID-19

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The Texas Lawbook spoke with litigation leaders across Texas on the effects they are seeing from COVID-19. The publication asked what measures law firms were taking to assist clients, what were some of the most significant concerns surrounding the virus from clients and what advice law firms were providing to general counsel clients.

Tom Walsh, Winston & Strawn Dallas partner, provided insights on some of the unique legal issues tied to COVID-19 that don't typically come to mind.

"This particular disruption is particularly acute because pandemics such as this were not anticipated by many of the contracts, regulations, and business models that form the infrastructure of the global economy – for now, we want to make sure we learn from the gaps and issues that are arising now and make the adjustments needed for business arrangements to withstand similar disruptions in the future."

Tom further shed some light on some of the common areas of concern the firm is hearing from clients.

"We are seeing a lot of questions right now about employee benefits and executive compensation, labor and employment, HIPAA and other data security issues, business continuity/interruption insurance, private equity/M&A deal flow and due diligence, and contracts and force majeure clauses – other questions of course come up daily as the situation continues to evolve."

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