

## Joan Fife Discusses Key Strategies for Wage and Hour Motion Practice

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Labor and employment partner **Joan Fife**, who is the head of Winston & Strawn's San Francisco labor and employment group, spoke at American Conference Institute's **10th Advanced Forum on Wage & Hour Claims and Class Actions** on September 14-15 in San Francisco.

On September 15, Ms. Fife presented "Key Strategies for Wage and Hour Motion Practice: What's Currently Working and Not Working for Summary Judgment Motions, Motions to Strike, and Motions for Sanctions." She was joined by Erick Meckley of Morgan, Lewis & Bockius. Ms. Fife and Mr. Meckley discussed:

- Effectively utilizing the pleading stage of the litigation process to gain an advantage in the development of evidence and structuring the dispositive motion
- Using pleadings to implement credible winnable themes
- Strategic arguments for drafting motions to dismiss or strike
- What is working?
- Pre-certification contact with class members
- How and what to raise with the court
- Motions for Summary Judgment Pre-Certification
- Strategy to file or wait?
- What is working?
- Trying cases early as opposed to settling early: analyzing the criteria for making the call
- Motions for sanctions: when are they appropriate?
- Examples for successful strategies and tactics for both plaintiffs and defendants
- Using dispositive motions to win the certification battle

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## Event Information

Sheraton Fisherman's Wharf, San Francisco, CA

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