## **Checklist - Employment Agreements**

Checklist of matters to be considered in drafting an employment agreement:

## **1.** Identification of parties.

- A. Employer.
- B. Employee.

#### 2. Term of agreement.

3. Place where agreement is to be performed.

#### 4. Duties of employee.

- A. Hours of employment.
- B. Best efforts to be devoted to employment.
- C. Maintaining outside job or interest.

## 5. Working facilities.

- A. Maintaining trade secrets.
- B. Inventions and patents.
  - 1. Discovery in course of employment.
  - 2. Use of employer's facilities.
  - 3. Relation of discovery to employer's business.

#### 6. Compensation.

- A. Wage, salary, or commission.
- B. Overtime work or night differential.
- C. Pay while unable to work due to illness.
- D. Effect of termination or noncompletion of employment.
- E. Special compensation plans.
  - 1. Deferred compensation.
  - 2. Percentage of sales or profits.

- 3. Incentive bonus.
- 4. Profit sharing.
- 5. Stock options.
- 6. Pension and retirement plans.

## 7. Expense account.

- A. Travel.
- B. Meals.
- C. Lodging.

# 8. Covenant not to compete after leaving employment.

- A. Length of time.
- B. Geographical limitations.
- C. Irreparable harm suffered by employer.
- D. Hardship not greater than necessary on employee.
- E. Agreement not injurious to public interest.

# 9. Employee benefits.

- A. Life and disability insurance.
- B. Medical insurance.
- C. Dental insurance.
- D. Workers' compensation.
- **10.** Termination of employment.
- **11.** Right of either party to terminate on proper notice.
- **12.** Discharge of employee for cause.
- **13.** Remedies for breach.
- 14. Vacations and holidays.
- **15.** Assignability of contract by employer or employee.
- **16.** Modification, renewal, or extension of agreement.

- **17.** Complete agreement in written contract.
- **18.** Law to govern interpretation of agreement.
- **19.** Effective date of agreement.
- 20. Signatures.
- 21. Date(s) of signing.