

## The EEOC Proposed Strategic Enforcement Plan

The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunities Commission (EEOC) released a draft of its <u>Strategic</u> <u>Enforcement Plan</u> (SEP) for FY 2023-2027. The SEP is focused on racial and economic enforcement priorities which includes: expanding protected categories for the vulnerable and underserved who may be unaware or reluctant to exercise their rights, refining recruitment and hiring practices, and addressing emerging issues related to discrimination associated with the COVID-19 pandemic and other threats to public health, violations of the newly enacted Pregnant Workers Fairness Act of 2022, and technology-related employment discrimination.

The goal of the SEP is to positively improve employer practices by targeting enforcement activities to be proactive in clarifying employment laws and eliminating unlawful employment practices. The EEOC is accepting public comments until February 9, 2023, and will conclude with a final rule after review.

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