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Department of Labor (DOL) Indicates Final Rule Expanding Reporting Requirements for Labor Relations to Come In November

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The Obama Administration released its spring Unified Agenda last week, which included an update on the **Department of Labor's** controversial amendments to the Labor-Management Reporting and Disclosure Act (LMRDA) regulations. The proposed changes to the LMRDA's "persuader rules," which expand the reporting requirements for labor relations consultants, including attorneys in some situations, by narrowing the LMRDA's definition of "advice," <u>were originally announced</u> by the DOL in June 2011. The DOL now indicates that it intends to issue a final rule in November 2013. The proposed rule was highly criticized by the American Bar Association and other lawyer groups, as it is seen as potentially requiring labor relations attorneys to disclose confidential client information.

Additional information about the proposed rule is available on the government's regulatory agenda website <u>here</u>.

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