

Is Your Noncompete Agreement Enforceable?



Employers may think their noncompete agreement or restrictive covenant prohibiting departing employees from taking a similar job at a competitor is ironclad, but that's not always true, warns David B. Ritter, a partner in the Chicago office of law firm Barnes & Thornburg.

Ritter participated in a **question-and-answer exchange** with *SHRM Online* about the enforceability of restrictive covenants, what to consider when crafting them and which states limit enforcement of these agreements.

The discussion covered such questions as: What should HR know about the enforceability of restrictive covenants? What else should employers consider when crafting these measures? Which states are particularly limiting when it comes to restrictive covenants?

The discussion is on the site of the Society for Human Resource Management.

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