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**Consumer Labeled Products in the Workplace: Duty to Warn**

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Jon Hernan is a partner in the Orlando office of Bowman and Brooke, LLP. His practice concentrates on defending major national companies in product liability and toxic torts. Over the years, he has attained significant trial experience in product liability, breach of warranty and premises liability cases. Bowman and Brooke is a national law firm and is a toxic tort defense powerhouse, defending corporate clients in state and federal trial and appellate courts coast to coast. From global manufacturers and marketers of premium institutional cleaning and sanitizing products, to manufacturers and suppliers of construction and manufacturing materials and equipment, Jon defends clients aggressively, bringing to bear his extensive knowledge, skill and resources effectively and efficiently at every stage of the case. Mr. Hernan received his JD from Florida State University College of Law and is a member of the Florida Bar and the D.C. Bar.

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### *Presentation abstract*

This presentation will focus on the legal issues that exist with labeling of consumer products being used in the workplace. The presentation will cover the legal requirements for labeling of a consumer product and labeling of industrial products. The duty the manufacturer has in its labeling requirements. It will also cover the importance of compliance with regulations in defending lawsuits brought against manufacturers for failure to warn or non-compliance.