

## USCIS and DHS Announce New I-9 Form

On July 21, 2023, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services ("USCIS") and Department of Homeland Security ("DHS") introduced a new I-9 Form. The USCIS and DHS implemented this new form to streamline the process and alleviate both the employer and employee burden associated with the form. Employers may continue to use the prior version of the I-9 Form (Rev. 10/21/19) through October 31, 2023. Beginning November 1, 2023, employers are required to use the new I-9 Form (08/01/23). Employers do not need to complete the new I-9 Form for current employees who have already completed an I-9 Form unless reverification applies after October 31, 2023.

Additionally, on July 25, 2023, DHS confirmed that employers who are in good standing and enrolled in E-Verify may continue to conduct verifications electronically after August 1, 2023. Non-E-Verify employers must conduct I-9 document review in person; however, the new final rule issued by the DHS opens the door for new alternative document examination procedures. We will continue to monitor USCIS and DHS announcements and any alternative procedure that becomes authorized. In the meantime, we are available to assist you with any of your employment law needs.

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