

"Diversity" and "Lawful" Are Not Contradictory Terms: Drawing the Line Between Lawful and Unlawful DEI/DEIA

Helpful Resources

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- Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended
- 1866 Civil Rights Acts (Bars discrimination in the making of private contracts)
- Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment (State/public sectors)
- **EEOC Regulations**
- EEOC Compliance Manual
- <u>Uniform Guidelines on Employee Selection Procedures</u>

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Executive Order 14173, "Ending Illegal Discrimination and Restoring Merit-Based
Opportunity"

- o Rescinded Executive Order 11246
- o Secretary's Order 03-2025
- o OFCCP Closure Letters of EO 11246 Component of Compliance Reviews
- February 5, 2025 | OPM February 5, 2025 Guidance Regarding Federal Government DEIA Programs
- February 5, 2025 | DOJ Memorandum Regarding Illegal DEIA Discrimination and Preferences

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- FCC Correspondence
 - o <u>Comcast</u>
 - o Mergers & Acquisitions
- February 14, 2025 | Department of Education "Dear Colleague" Letter & FAQ
- Addressing Risks of Perkins Coie LLP



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March 19, 2025 | EEOC and Justice Department Warn Against Unlawful DEI-Related
Discrimination

- <u>EEOC "DEI at Work" Post</u> & FAQs
- OFCCP Director Eschbach's Email to OFCCP Staff (Wall Street Journal subscription required)
 - o <u>February 14, 2025 | America First Legal Letter</u>
- "Red State" Attorney Generals Letter to Costco (Official Letter)

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- February 13, 2025 | "Blue State" Guidance on DEIA Employment Initiatives (Official Letter)
- March 18, 2025 | Former EEOC Official's Letter to EEOC Acting Chair Andrea Lucas

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- Georgetown Law
 - o March 6
 - o March 13



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- <u>Investigations of Over 50 Universities</u>
- Perkins Coie LLP
 - o Executive Order (See above)
 - o Perkins Coie LLP Fact Sheet
 - o Complaint Perkins Coie LLP v. U.S. Dep't of Justice et al.
- EEOC Letters to 20 Large Law Firms