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Client Advisory

COVID-19 Legal Digest

Tax Filing Deadline Extended to July 15th

March 20, 2020 - This morning, in light of the many issues emanating out of the coronavirus pandemic, the federal government extended the filing deadline for all federal tax returns which are due on April 15 to July 15.

Earlier in the week, the federal government also extended, until July 15, the payment of the first quarter estimated taxes due from individuals, trusts and estates from April 15 to July 15, and it also extended the due date from April 15 to July 15 for the payment of (1) up to \$1,000,000 of individual, trust and estate taxes due for 2019, and (2) up to \$10,000,000 of corporate taxes. Amounts due for 2019 in excess of those amounts are required to be paid by April 15.

The State of New Jersey has yet to announce any tax filing extensions, but we are led to believe that something is in the works. We'll advise as soon as we know something for sure. As yet, Pennsylvania has yet to tip its hand as to what it might or might not do in terms of easing the filing and payment due dates. We'll keep you posted.

If you have any questions, please contact [Gordon Moore](#), who heads up our [Tax Group](#), at (856) 354-3087 or at gmoore@archerlaw.com, or any of your contacts here at Archer.

New York Provides Sick Leave and Benefits for Certain Employees

On March 18, 2020, Governor Cuomo signed legislation into law, effective immediately, that would provide sick leave and some benefits for employees in New York subject to mandatory or precautionary orders of quarantine or isolation due to COVID-19 issued by the State of New York, Department of Health, local board of health, or any governmental entity duly authorized to issue such order due to COVID-19. This is critical as Governor Cuomo has announced today that all employees of non-essential businesses are required to stay home, effective Sunday evening. [Click here to read the full alert.](#)

Global Mobility and Immigration Challenges

The past few weeks have seen the emergence of an ever increasing series of border closures and travel restrictions as a means to attempt to stem the spread of COVID-19 (coronavirus). These closures are occurring in North America, Europe and globally. What was for decades an open EU is arguably on a path to return to the former dissected European country model. Here in the United States, with businesses

having employees work remotely, employers respecting government mandates to close, and venues going quiet due to "flatten the curve" initiatives, numerous challenges to immigration laws have emerged. While many of these issues remain fluid and subject to change, we are continuing to monitor them and equally stand ready to assist navigating these challenging times for our clients. [Click here to read the full alert.](#)

Pennsylvania Government Identifies "Life Sustaining" Industries

On March 19, 2020, Governor Wolf signed an Executive Order immediately closing all but "life-sustaining" businesses in Pennsylvania. The state created a spreadsheet that identifies by industry those that qualify as "life sustaining," which can be accessed [here](#).

Shelley Smith Discusses COVID-19 Legal Issues on Upcoming KYW Interview

[Shelley Smith](#) discussed COVID-19 related legal issues with KYW's Cherri Gregg. The interview will air on "Flashpoint with Cherri Gregg" on KYW Newsradio 1060 AM on Saturday, March 21, at 9:30 p.m. and Sunday, March 22, at 8:30 a.m. Following the airing, you can also listen to the recording [here](#).

Bill Caruso Discusses How U.S. Will Recover from Impacts of COVID-19 on Newsmax TV

Archer's [Bill Caruso](#) says "we are the greatest country in the world" while discussing how the U.S. will work to recover from the impacts of COVID-19 on Newsmax TV's "American Agenda." Bill's segment begins at minute 12:55 in the video [here](#).

Please reach out to your Archer contact or any member of [Archer's COVID-19 Task Force](#) with any questions you may have.

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