



The Seven Just Cause Standards in Discipline Termination Case - 90 Min Webinar

The Seven Standards: Each standard will be covered through lecture, **discussion, case examples, and Q&A.**

1. Notice: Define the **importance of noticing** before disciplinary action. Provide examples of **written policies vs. verbal warnings**. Discussion: *What happens when notice is unclear?*

2. Reasonable Rules & Orders: What makes a rule reasonable? Explore how agencies create rules that align with safety, efficiency, and expectations. Activity: Compare reasonable vs. unreasonable policies.

3. Fact-Finding Interview: Explain why **fact-finding is critical before issuing discipline**: Case study: *Review an example where lack of fact-finding led to unfair discipline.*

4. Fair Investigation: Discuss **objectivity and fairness** in investigations. *Analyze an investigation process for fairness.*

5. Proof: Define **“substantial evidence”** in a disciplinary case. Debate exercise: *Assess whether a case meets the burden of proof.*

6. Equal Treatment: Address **consistency in applying rules to all employees**. Reflection: *Is equal treatment always fair?*

7. Penalties – Equity & Proportionality: Discuss **proportional punishment** based on **severity and employee history**. Scenario analysis: *Was the penalty justified in these examples?*

Interactive Discussion

Address questions and concerns from participants.

Final thoughts on applying Just Cause Standards in practice.

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