



# Questions about employment issues? Call the New MEL Employment Practices Helpline

The MEL Safety Institute is pleased to announce the establishment of a NEW MEL Employment Practices Helpline (EPL), a dedicated resource to guide members on employment related issues.

The MEL EPL Helpline is staffed by attorneys that specialize in New Jersey employment law and understand the MEL JIF system. The three law firms staffing the EPL Helpline are affiliated with local Joint Insurance Funds (JIFs).

**Who can use the EPL Helpline?** MEL member municipalities will select and approve two individuals to use the helpline.

**What hours is the EPL Helpline available?** The helpline will be staffed during normal business hours, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Voicemail can be left afterhours for a callback.

**What kinds of issues can be addressed?** Any employment related topics or policies and procedures related to issues such as:

- Hiring
- Termination
- Harassment
- Discrimination
- Promotion/Demotion
- And more...

**What are the MEL EPL Helpline numbers?** MEL members can choose to call any of the MEL EPL Helpline firms listed below.

**MEL EPL HELPLINE:  
973-845-6700**

Victoria A. Holmes  
Cleary Giacobbe Alfieri Jacobs LLC  
955 State Route 34, Suite 200  
Matawan, NJ 07747955

**MEL EPL HELPLINE:  
609-522-5599**

David S. DeWeese  
The DeWeese Law Firm  
3200 Pacific Avenue  
Wildwood, New Jersey 08260

**MEL EPL HELPLINE:  
973-334-1900**

Fred Semrau  
Dorsey & Semrau  
714 Main Street  
Boonton, NJ 07005

**What happens after the call?** The attorney will provide the member with transcript of the call that includes recommendations. If the issue is beyond the scope of the MEL EPL Helpline the attorney will provide direction to the member on where to get appropriate assistance. All calls are confidential.

