

## *Pro-employer bent seen with NLRB's new GOP majority, Business Insurance, ft. Michael Kaufman*

Michael Kaufman, Co-managing Partner of Kaufman Dolowich & Voluck LLP, was quoted in a *Business Insurance* article written by Judy Greenwald on April 24, 2018.

She wrote:

*The Senate's approval of John F. Ring as the new chair of the National Labor Relations Board this month restores a Republican majority to the board and means employers can expect more pro-employer rulings and the reversal of policies many had considered onerous and unfair, experts say.*

*NLRB rulings involving joint employment, employment handbooks and social media issues are among those considered likely to be reversed with the assumption of Mr. Ring, a former Morgan Lewis Bockius L.L.P. partner in Washington who specialized in employment law, to the chairman's spot on the five-member board, which gives it a 3-2 Republican majority.*

*Experts say that during the Obama administration, the Democrat-controlled board had overturned many years of precedents in its rulings, which have been criticized by business advocates as being too pro-employee.*

*The struggle is over the idea of how a franchiser "could be liable for the act of a franchisee, especially when there's no basis of control except for the use of their name and their products," said Michael J. Kaufman, co-managing partner at Kaufman, Dolowich & Voluck L.L.P. in Woodbury, New York.*