

After DEI: Adapting Policies and Communicating Change

Takeaways from the 2025 WV SHRM State Council HR Legislative & Law Conference

- 1. As of November 12, 2025, DEI is still legal, but the landscape is constantly shifting, and risk management is key.
- 2. Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion are different concepts.
- 3. Inclusion is the foundation for diversity and equity.
- 4. Diversity has many dimensions beyond race and gender.
- 5. Equity, unlike equality, accounts for varying circumstances of all stakeholders.
- 6. Diversity is still good for business.
- 7. Should organizations "rebrand" DEI programming?
- 8. Increase allyship among employees through inclusive resource groups.
- 9. Continue budgeting for employee wellbeing.
- 10. Train managers and supervisors on inclusive leadership.



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