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WHAT IS THE GLASS CEILING AND WHEN IS IT ILLEGAL?

The workplace should be a space where talent and hard work are rewarded equally, regardless of who you are. But for many, the path to higher-level positions is obstructed by an invisible barrier — often referred to as the “glass ceiling.” This unwritten but universally known limitation restricts career advancement for certain groups, particularly women and minorities. While the glass ceiling may seem intangible, its effects are very real, impacting diversity, workplace equity, and career growth.

But what happens when these barriers cross the line and become illegal? The employment law attorneys at Barrett & Farahany can examine the concept of the glass ceiling, how it manifests, the legal framework surrounding it, and what can

be done to address and combat it.



WHAT IS THE GLASS CEILING?

The term “glass ceiling” is metaphorical, describing an unseen yet rigid barrier that prevents certain people from climbing to leadership roles. Unlike overt acts of discrimination, the glass ceiling is often systemic and more subtle. It doesn’t announce itself outright, but its effects are unmistakable.

HOW THE GLASS CEILING CAN AFFECT YOUR CAREER

- **Limited Career Advancement:** Despite being qualified, employees from underrepresented groups often find themselves passed over for promotions.
- **Lack of Diversity in Leadership:** Workplaces with glass-ceiling practices often reflect homogenous leadership teams with little representation from women, minorities, or other protected groups.
- **Demoralization and High Turnover:** Employees who experience glass ceiling discrimination are more likely to feel undervalued and demotivated, and may eventually leave the organization.

Addressing this issue is critical, not only for an individual’s career growth but also for creating equitable workplaces that foster innovation and diversity...

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