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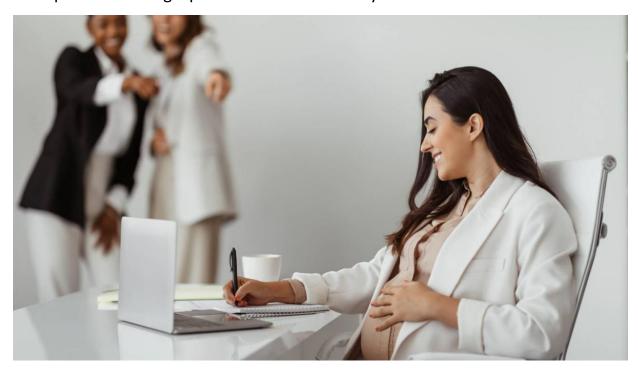
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## EXAMPLES OF PREGNANCY DISCRIMINATION EVERY EMPLOYEE SHOULD KNOW

Pregnancy should be a time of excitement and preparation, not of worrying about job security. Unfortunately, many working women face unfair treatment due to their pregnancy status. Understanding what constitutes pregnancy discrimination can help you recognize when your rights are being violated and take appropriate action to protect yourself.

Pregnancy discrimination occurs when an employer treats an employee or job applicant unfavorably due to pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions. This unlawful practice affects thousands of women each year, creating financial hardship and emotional stress during what should be a joyful time.

Recognizing the signs of pregnancy discrimination is crucial for protecting your career and ensuring you receive the fair treatment you deserve. The pregnancy discrimination attorneys at Barrett & Farahany will explore the most common examples and the legal protections available to you.



### **Common Examples of Pregnancy Discrimination**

#### Refusal to Hire

One of the most blatant forms of pregnancy discrimination happens during the hiring process. Employers may refuse to hire qualified candidates because they are pregnant or planning to become pregnant. This might involve asking inappropriate questions during interviews about family planning intentions or making assumptions about a candidate's ability to perform job duties.

For example, an employer might withdraw a job offer after noticing a candidate's pregnancy during an interview, even if she demonstrated all the necessary qualifications. Some employers wrongly assume that pregnant women will be unreliable or unable to handle their responsibilities effectively.

#### **Firing or Demotion**

Another serious form of discrimination occurs when employers fire or demote employees after learning of their pregnancy. This is particularly suspicious when the employee had a good performance record before announcing their pregnancy. Sudden negative performance reviews or unexpected terminations following pregnancy announcements often indicate discriminatory practices.

Employers might also reassign pregnant employees to less desirable positions, reduce their responsibilities, or exclude them from important projects under the false assumption that pregnancy affects job performance.

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