

American Benefits Council

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This is a reminder that the American Benefits Council will host a **Benefits Briefing webinar** on **Tuesday, July 2, at 2 p.m. Eastern Time**, to discuss the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling on the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA), which is expected to be handed down at the end of June. Council staff and guest speakers will discuss the implications of the decision for employer-sponsored health and retirement plans.

Background:

As we reported in the [June 26 Benefits Byte](#), the U.S. Supreme Court [officially struck down](#) key provisions of the federal Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) by upholding the Second Circuit Court of Appeals decision in *United States vs. Windsor*. [A Benefits Blueprint summary](#) of the decision and its likely effects on employer benefit plan sponsors, prepared by Crowell & Moring, LLP, is now available on the Council website.

The decision raises a number of questions related to employer sponsorship of health and retirement benefits for employees and their spouses and it will be important for regulatory agencies such as the Internal Revenue Service to issue further guidance to clarify the implications of the court's decision. The Council will be in close communication with agency officials as they develop this guidance.

Lynn Dudley, senior vice president, retirement and international benefits policy, and **Kathryn Wilber**, senior counsel, health policy, will moderate the call. They will be joined by:

- **Seth Perretta**, from Crowell & Moring, who will discuss the implications for health plans, and
- **Elizabeth Drake** and **Tony Provenzano**, from Miller & Chevalier, who will discuss the implications for retirement plans and executive compensation arrangements.

Members are encouraged to [submit questions and comments in advance](#).

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