

Legal Plans Are on the Rise and More Popular Than Ever, According to the 2010 Fortune® 500 List

May 3, 2010 – The number of Fortune 500® companies offering a legal plan is at an all-time high, with 33% now offering a group legal plan to their employees. Now more than ever, employees appreciate the value of having an affordable group legal plan to protect their families and assets during economic uncertainty. Fortune 500 organizations know that a legal plan offers tremendous value to their employees and view it as a tool to help attract and retain employees. Nearly 120 Fortune 500 companies offer a Hyatt legal plan, including CVS Caremark, FedEx, Home Depot, PepsiCo and Target.

The fundamental value of a legal plan is convenient access to qualified local plan attorneys. Hyatt's usage data shows that many employees have a heightened need for legal advice on financial-related issues such as debt, bankruptcy, foreclosure, mortgage refinancing, identity theft, and landlord problems. More employers are offering group legal plans to their employees as part of the solution to help them prevent and resolve personal legal matters.

Group legal plans are a great tool for employers because they are cost-effective and easy to implement and administer. As a voluntary benefit, there is little or no direct cost to employers.

MetLaw®, Hyatt's model legal plan, covers the most frequently needed personal legal matters, as well as telephone advice and office consultations on an unlimited number of personal legal matters. MetLaw costs around \$200 per year through payroll deductions and covers the employee, spouse and dependents.