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At-Will Employment Statement for Employee Manual

To clarify for employees that their status is "at-will," each page of the employee manual should contain the following wording at the bottom center of each page: "This is not an employment contract." A more formal statement should be placed at the beginning of the manual, such as:

This manual is not a contract, expressed or implied, guaranteeing employment for any specific duration. Although [the company] hopes that your employment relationship with us will be long-term, either you or the company may terminate this relationship at any time, with or without cause or notice.

The employee manual must be very carefully drafted to avoid altering the at-will employment doctrine. The document should be carefully reviewed by an employment attorney each and every time it is revised.