#### Introduction

Thank you for your participation in the HR Acuity Employee Relations Benchmark Study.

Below is some information about the study that will be helpful to review before you begin:

- Your responses will not save if you quit out of the survey, and you may find that you need to gather information
  from several resources within your organization. To streamline the process, you can use this hard copy of the survey
  to compile the data you'll need before completing the survey online.
- The primary focus of this study is on practices within the US. **Unless specifically noted otherwise, please use US-only data to answer the questions in this survey**.
- When filling out this survey, please use data from the 2020 calendar year only.
- Please coordinate with your team as **only one survey per organization will be accepted**.
- All responses are anonymous. No attribution to any organization or participant will be included in the studyresults.

Responses must be submitted by <u>Wednesday, March 31, 2021</u> to be included in the study. As a thank you for your participation, you will gain access to the results prior to their broad release. If you have any questions about the study, please email us at <u>benchmark@hracuity.com</u> or call 888-598-0161.

Participant and organization information		
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1.	First name:	
2.	Last name:	
3.	Email address:	
4.	Which best describes the scope of your responsibilities as it relates to employee relations?	
	I work on the employee relations team at my organization but am not a manager (e.g. individual contributor or specialist)	
	I am the sole employee relations professional in my organization	
	I manage a team of employee relations specialists within my organization	
	I lead employee relations for a specific geographic region for my organization	
	I lead employee relations globally for my organization	
	I am the Chief HR Officer (or equivalent) of my organization	
	Other (please specify):	
5.	What is the name of the organization where you work?	
6.	Please select the industry that best describes the organization where you work.	
	Consumer services	
	Education (higher education)	
	Education (K-12)	
	Energy or utilities	
	Financial services or insurance	
	Government or public sector	
	Health care or hospitals	
	Hospitality or food and beverage	
	Manufacturing, distribution or construction	
	Media or entertainment	
	Pharmaceuticals or medical devices	
	Professional or business services	
	Retail or wholesale	
	Technology	
	Other (please specify):	

7.	Is your organization considered to be a Fortune 1000 company?		
	Yes		
	No No		
8.	What is your organization's annual revenue? If your organization is a non-profit, please indicate your yearly budget.		
	\$100 million or less		
	\$101 million to \$999 million		
	\$1 billion - \$5 billion		
	\$5.1 billion - \$10 billion		
	More than \$10 billion		
9.	How large is your organization GLOBALLY (number of employees)?		
10.	How large is your organization IN THE US (number of employees)?		
Emplo	yee relations and HR overview		
11.	How many <u>employee relations professionals</u> are employed full time or full time equivalent (FTE) by your organization_		
	<u>JUST IN THE US</u> ? For the purposes of this study, employee relations professionals should refer to those individuals who are dedicated to managing or working on employee relations matters		
	are dedicated to managing or working on employee relationsmatters.		
12.	Over the course of 2021, do you expect the number of employee relations professionals employed at your company in		
	the US to increase, decrease, or remain the same?		
	Increase		
	Decrease		
	Remain the same		
13.	How many human resources business partners or generalists are employed full time or full time equivalent (FTE) by		
	your organization JUST IN THE US? For the purposes of this study, human resources business partners or generalists		
	should refer to those individuals who provide strategic or operational human resources support to the business or		
	functional areas. Employee relations may be part of their responsibilities.		
14.	Over the course of 2021, do you expect the number of <u>human resources business partners or generalists</u> employed at your company in the US to increase, decrease, or remain the same?		
	your company in the O3 to increase, decrease, or remain the same:		
	Increase		
	Decrease		
	Remain the same		
15.	How many <u>in-house lawyers</u> are dedicated to labor and employment matters in your organization full time or full time		
	equivalent (FTE) JUST IN THE US? Do not include employee relations professionals who may have a legal background but		
	are not practicing as such for your organization.		
16.	Over the course of 2021, do you expect the number of <u>in-house lawyers</u> employed at your company in the US to		
	increase, decrease, or remain the same?		
	Increase		
	Decrease		
	Remain the same		

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Your o	rganizational model for managing employee relations		
17.	Now think specifically about the professionals at your organization who <u>only conduct investigations</u> . On average, how many investigations are conducted at any given time by each professional at your organization who <u>only conducts</u> <u>investigations</u> ?		
	1-5		
	6-10		
	11-25		
	26-35		
	36 or more		
	No professionals are limited to only conducting investigations  Don't know		
18.	Now think specifically about the professionals at your organization who <u>manage employee relations issues but do not conduct investigations</u> . On average, how many employee relations cases are managed at any given time by each professional at your organization who <u>manages employee relations issues but does not conduct investigations</u> ?		
	1-5		
	6-10		
	11-25		
	26-35		
	36 or more		
	No professionals manage employee relations issues but do not conduct investigations		
	Don't know		
19.	Now think specifically about the professionals at your organization who <u>handle employee relations issues and conduct investigations</u> . On average, how many employee relations cases and investigations are managed at any given time by each professional at your organization who <u>handles employee relations issues and conducts investigations</u> ?		
	1-5		
	6-10		
	11-25		
	26-35		
	36 or more		
	No professionals handle all employee relations issues and conduct investigations		
	Don't know		
20.	What is the primary method used for assigning cases within the employee relations team?		
	By case type (investigations, performance, etc.)		
	By subject matter (harassment, Americans with Disabilities Act, etc.)		
	By line of business		
	By complexity		
	Auto-assigned		
	By geography		
	First in, first out Other (please specify):		
21.	To whom does the employee relations teamreport?		

Chief Human Resources Officer (CHRO), or Head of Human Resources

Vice President of Human Resources (Directorlevel)

Other (please specify):

Shared services

Compliance

Legal

22.	Which statement best describes your current employee relations model?			
		<b>CENTRALIZED:</b> There is a centralized team of employee relations professionals or a "Center of Excellence (COE)" responsible for managing employee relations issues and conducting investigations across the organization (this group does not have to be geographicallycentralized).		
		<b>MIXED:</b> There is a centralized group for managing some or most of the employee relations cases and investigations but field resources (HR generalists, business partners and/or managers) still manage some employee relations issues.		
		<b>DECENTRALIZED:</b> Employee relations issues are managed within the specific lines of business by HR generalists, business partners or employee relations professionals. Employee relations matters are not centralized.		
23.	If your organization uses a <u>decentralized</u> employee relations model, is your organization considering moving to a <u>mixed</u> <u>or centralized model</u> in the future?			
		Yes, definitely within the next 12 months		
		Yes, under consideration for the future		
		No current plans to change model		
		Don't know		
		Not applicable, my organization does not use a decentralized employee relations model		
24.	If your organization uses a <u>centralized or mixed</u> employee relations model, please indicate which of the following types of cases generally fall within the scope of your employee relations team as a whole. Select all that apply.			
		Policy violations (such as potential or actual violations or infractions of company policies like code of conduct, conflict of interest, inappropriate use of social media, theft, fraud, substance abuse, etc.)		
		Performance (such as performance counseling, coaching, or documentation, performance plan, performance rebuttal, etc.)		
		Behavioral issues (such as issues or allegations related to unprofessional conduct, inappropriate behavior, bullying, insubordination, conflicts between co-workers, etc.)		
		Time and attendance (such as time and attendance violations, infractions, etc.)		
		Wage and hours (such as overtime, commission, tips, rest and meal breaks, etc.)		
		Retaliation (such as allegations of retaliation for employee asserting rights related to protected activity in the workplace, etc.)		
		Leave management (such as documentation or issues related to family leave, medical leave, disability, jury duty, military leave, etc.)		
		Accommodations (such as accommodations related to disability, religion, etc.)		
		Sexual harassment allegations (such as unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other		
		verbal or physical harassment of a sexual nature. It may also include offensive remarks about a person's gender, etc.)		
		Non-sexual harassment allegations (such as harassment related to a protected category other than sex or gender like offensive language and actions regarding race, religion, disability, age, or ethnicity, etc.)		
		Discrimination (such as allegations of being treated unfavorably because of race, sexual orientation, skin color, national origin, gender, disability, region, age, pay equity, etc.)		
		Response to EEOC or other federal, state, or local administrative agency		
		Other (please specify):		
		Not applicable, my organization does not use a centralized or mixed employee relations model		

If your organization uses a <u>centralized or mixed</u> employee relations model, for each type of employee relations case listed below please indicate the length of time cases are typically open for (in other words, "time to close"). You can write the number of the corresponding code below in the blank space following each type of employee relations case.

	CODES	
	1. Less than 1 week	
	2. 1-2 weeks	
	3. 3-4 weeks	
	4. 5-8 weeks	
	5. More than 8 weeks	
	6. Not applicable	
	7. Don't know	
	8. Not applicable, my organization does not use a centralized or mixed employee relations model	
25.	Policy violations (such as potential or actual violations or infractions of company policies like code of conduct, conflict of interest, inappropriate use of social media, theft, fraud, substance abuse, etc.)	
26.	Performance (such as performance counseling, coaching, or documentation, performance plan, performance rebuttal, etc.)	
27.	Behavioral issues (such as issues or allegations related to unprofessional conduct, inappropriate behavior, bullying, insubordination, conflicts between co-workers, etc.)	
28.	Time and attendance (such as time and attendance violations and infractions)	
29.	Wage and hours (such as overtime, commission, tips, rest and meal breaks, etc.)	
30.	Retaliation (such as allegations of retaliation for employee asserting rights related to protected activity in the workplace)	
31.	Leave management (such as documentation or issues related to family leave, medical leave, disability, jury duty, military leave, etc.)	
32.	Accommodations (such as accommodations related to disability, religion, etc.)	
33.	Sexual harassment allegations (such as unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical harassment of a sexual nature. It may also include offensive remarks about a person's gender, etc.)	
34.	Non-sexual harassment allegations (such as harassment related to a protected category other than sex or gender like offensive language and actions regarding race, religion, disability, age, or ethnicity, etc.)	
35.	Discrimination (such as allegations of being treated unfavorably because of race, sexual orientation, skin color, national origin, gender, disability, region, age, pay equityetc.)	
36.	Response to EEOC or other federal, state, or local administrative agency	

37.	If your organization uses a <u>centralized or mixed</u> employee relations model, what additional functions are managed by the employee relations team, if any? Select all that apply.	
	Affirmative Action	
	Alternative dispute resolution  Employee relations analytics	
	Engagement initiatives	
	Exit surveys	
	OSHA	
	Policy development or benchmarking	
	Policy oversight/governance	
	Proactive employee relations training	
	Required employee relations training (around harassment, code of conduct, etc.)	
	Union avoidance activities	
	Labor negotiations	
	Other (please specify):	
	None of the above	
	Not applicable, my organization does not use a centralized or mixed employee relations model	
Issue tr	ends and volume	
	e start of 2020, how would you describe the volume of each of the following types of employee-related issues or	
	ns made by employees within your organization? You can write the number of the corresponding code below in the blank	
space fo	lowing each type of employee relations issue.	
	CODE	
	Significant increase in volume	
	2. Some increase in volume	
	3. About the same as at the start of 2020	
	4. Some decrease in volume	
	5. Significant decrease in volume	
	6. Don't know	
38.	Job performance	
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39.	Unprofessional conduct/policy violations	
40.	Discrimination (around age, disability, gender, race, religion, etc.)	
41.	Potalistion	
41.	Retaliation	
42.	Workplace bullying	
43.	Theft/fraud	
44.	Social media issues	
45.	Wage and hour disputes	
46.	Substance abuse	
47.	Workplace violence	
48.	Union organizing	
49.	Accommodation requests	

50.

Sexual harassment allegations

51.	Non-sexual harassment allegations		
52.	Charges by EEOC or other federal, state, or local administrative agencies		
53.	To what would you attribute any increase in employee-related events/issues over the last year? Select all that apply.		
	Organizational changes		
	The economy		
	The political environment		
	Social movements like #MeToo or Black Lives Matter		
	Increased awareness of regulations		
	Increased awareness of perceived rights		
	Increased business expectations		
	Broader use of and/or availability of technology		
	Increased activism in the workplace		
	COVID-19 related changes (such as accommodations, working remotely, vaccines, etc.)		
	Other (please specify):		
54.	How many total employee relations cases did your organization manage in the US in 2020?		
For ead	ch of the following types of employee relations issues, please indicate the number of cases your organization managed in the 2020.		
55.	Policy violations (such as potential or actual violations or infraction of company policies like code of conduct, conflict of interest, inappropriate use of social media, theft, fraud, substance abuse, etc.)		
56.	Performance issues (such as performance counseling, coaching, or documentation, performance plan, performance rebuttal, etc.)		
57.	Behavioral issues (such as issues or allegations related to unprofessional conduct, inappropriate behavior, bullying, insubordination, conflicts between co-workers, etc.)		
58.	Discrimination, harassment, or retaliation allegations		
59.	EEOC or other federal/state/local agency charges		
60.	Did you gather the issue volume data you entered for the last few questions from your organization's system of record, or do these numbers represent your best estimates?		
	Gathered from organization's system of record		
	Estimates		
	Estimates		
61.	And how confident are you that the data you provided about the volume of each case type is accurate?		
	Very confident		
	Somewhat confident		
	Not that confident		
	Not confident at all		
Metric	cs and analytics		
62.	Does your organization track employee relations and investigation data?		
	Yes		
	No		
	Don't know		

63.	If you track employee relations data, please indicate what types of employee relations data your organization currently tracks. Select all that apply.			
		Issue type (for example, harassment, discrimination, policy violations, etc.)		
		Issues by department/function		
		Issues by location		
		Cases by manager or leadership level		
		Issue disposition (for example, substantiated, unsubstantiated, etc.)		
		Remedial action taken		
		Case aging/Time to close (for example, average number of days, etc.)		
		Trends over time		
		Method of notification		
		Associated expenses (for example, accommodations, legal fees, severance, etc.)		
		Employee history		
		Time to conduct investigation/time spent by HR		
	-	Associated savings/cost avoidance (for example, reduction in legal or litigation fees, reduction in time spent, reduction in severance, etc.)		
		Performance management turnaround stories (for example, employees moving from a performance		
		improvement plan to a reasonable evaluation score, etc.)		
		Substantiation rate		
		Anonymity rate		
		Equity of cases, disposition, or remediation by demographics (for example, by race, age, gender, etc.)		
		Predictive analytics		
		Other (please specify):		
		None of the above		
		Don't know		
		Not applicable, my organization does not track employee relations data		
64.	relatio	Below is the same list you just saw. If you track employee relations data, please indicate what types of employee relations data your organization <u>does not</u> currently track, but that you would be interested in tracking in the future. Select all that apply.		
		Issue type (for example, harassment, discrimination, policy violations, etc.)		
		Issues by department/function		
		Issues by location		
		Cases by manager or leadership level		
		Issue disposition (for example, substantiated, unsubstantiated, etc.)		
		Remedial action taken		
		Case aging/Time to close (for example, average number of days, etc.)		
		Trends over time		
		Method of notification		
		Associated expenses (for example, accommodations, legal fees, severance, etc.)		
		Employee history		
		Time to conduct investigation/time spent by HR		
		Associated savings/cost avoidance (for example, reduction in legal or litigation fees, reduction in time spent, reduction in severance, etc.)		
		Performance management turnaround stories (for example, employees moving from a performance improvement plan to a reasonable evaluation score, etc.)		
		Substantiation rate		
		Anonymity rate		
		Equity of cases, disposition, or remediation by demographics (for example, by race, age, gender, etc.)		
		Predictive analytics		
		Other (please specify):		
		None of the above		
		Don't know		
		Not applicable, my organization does not track employee relations data		

65.	If you track employee relations data, to whom in your organization do you report metrics related to employee relations activities directly? Select all that apply.		
	Board		
	Senior leadership (C-Suite)		
	Managers		
	Human Resources		
	Legal		
	Compliance		
	Diversity and Inclusion		
	Other (please specify):		
	None of the above		
	Don't know		
	Not applicable, my organization does not track employee relations data		
66.	If you track employee relations data, do you share aggregated, anonymous investigation or employee relations data with employees in any format?		
	Yes		
	No		
	Don't know		
	Not applicable, my organization does not track employee relations data		
67.	If you share investigation or employee relations data with employees, in what format do you share this data with employees?		
	Aggregated information as part of a human resources or employee relations update		
	Aggregated information as part of a broader company update		
	Aggregated information only upon request		
	Employee specific information only upon request		
	Other (please specify):		
	Don't know		
	Not applicable, my organization does not share investigation or employee relations data with employees		
68.	If you share investigation or employee relations data with employees, how often do you share this data with employees?		
	More than once per year		
	Once a year		
	Once every two years		
	Less than every two years		
	As needed, not according to any formal schedule		
	Only upon request		
	Don't know		
	Not applicable, my organization does not share investigation or employee relations data with employees		

69.	If you track employee relations data, what other data, if any, do you integrate with that employee relations investigation data for further analysis? Select all that apply.		
	Employee demographics (e.g. gender, age, race, etc.) Performance ratings Turnover Business performance Compensation Engagement scores/Employee survey data Other (please specify): None of the above Don't know Not applicable, my organization does not track employee relations data		
70.	If you track employee relations data, how are metrics and data gathered currently used within your organization? Select all that apply.		
	To construct predictive models of employee behavior To develop more data-driven employee insights and initiatives To create better employee relations policies To identify staffing needs To identify training needs To identify at risk populations To identify potential issues related to inclusion and equity Gathered, but not really used Other (please specify):  Don't know Not applicable, my organization does not track employee relations data		
71.	In a few words, please share examples and best practices of how you are <u>currently</u> using employee relations analytics. If your organization does not track employee relations data, please write N/A.		
72.	In a few words, what are some ways, if any, that you would ideally like to be using employee relations analytics but currently aren't able to? If your organization does not track employee relations data, please write N/A.		

73.	In a few words, what are the biggest challenges you face with your current system of reporting employee relations analytics? What information or resources could help you overcome these challenges? If your organization does not track employee relations data, please write N/A.		
74.	If you track employee relations data, are you using, or do you have plans to use, employee relations data for predictive analytics or incorporate with some type of artificial intelligence (AI)?		
	Yes, we are doing this currently		
	Yes, we have plans to do this in the future		
	No, we are not currently doing this and do not have plans to in the future		
	Don't know		
	Not applicable, my organization does not track employee relations data		
75.	If your organization does <u>not</u> track employee relations data, what are the reasons you are not using employee relations metrics and analytics? Select all that apply.		
	Poor data quality		
	Lack of skills/competencies in data and data platforms		
	No investment from management		
	No tracking mechanism		
	No time/too busy		
	Not requested from leadership		
	Data platform is too advanced or not user friendly		
	Other (please specify):		
	Not applicable, my organization does track employee relations data		
Case n	nanagement and case management technology		
76.	What method best describes how employee relations investigations are conducted within your organization?		
	The organization has a required, structured process for conducting investigations (for example, there are required forms and templates for conducting investigations)		
	The organization provides a suggested process for conducting investigations, but it is not required (for example, there are sample forms and templates for conducting investigations, but they are optional resources)		
	The organization has no specific guidelines or processes for conducting investigations		
77.	How often are investigators trained on proper investigation techniques?		
	More than once per year		
	Once a year		
	Once every two years		
	Less than every two years		
	As needed, not according to any formal schedule		
	No formal trainings are held		

78.	How does your organization primarily store documentation created as a result of an employee relations issue or investigations?			
		Human resources business partners and/or employee relations professionals maintain their own documentation		
		Documents are uploaded and stored on a shared drive		
		Documents are sent to a centralized HR team for filing		
		Documents are stored in a case management system		
		Mixed, some combination of personal storage, shared drive, central filing or case management system		
79.		Does your organization use any sort of employee relations and investigation technology platform to track employee relations issues and investigations?		
		Yes		
		No		
		Don't know		
80.	How do	How does your organization primarily track employee relations issues and investigations? Select all that apply.		
		Spreadsheets or generic database (such as Excel, Access, SharePoint, etc.)		
		Employee relations technology platform (such as HR Acuity, i-Sight, etc.)		
		Ticketing system (such as Salesforce.com, ServiceNow, etc.)		
		Hotline (such as EthicsPoint, Navex, ComplianceLine, etc.)		
		Human Resources Information System (such as ADP, Oracle, Ultimate, Workday, etc.)		
		Other (please specify):		
		We don't track employee relationsissues		
81.	If your organization uses any sort of employee relations and investigation technology platform to track employee relations issues and investigations, what specific technology platform do you use? If you use more than one platform, please select all that apply.			
		HR Acuity		
		i-Sight		
		LaborSoft		
		Navex/EthicsPoint		
		SAI Global		
		Salesforce		
		ServiceNow		
		SharePoint		
		SugarCRM		
		D3		
		Infor		
		Compliance 360		
		ComplianceLine		
		Other (please specify):		
		Not applicable, my organization does not use any sort of employee relations and investigation technology platform		

82.	In a few words, describe the biggest benefit of using the platform(s) that you use for employee relations management. If your organization does not use any sort of employee relations and investigation technology platform, please write N/A.
83.	In a few words, describe the biggest downside or challenge of using the platform(s) that you use for employee relations management. If your organization does not use any sort of employee relations and investigation technology platform, please write N/A.
84.	If your organization uses any sort of employee relations and investigation technology platform, does your organization plan on transitioning to a different employee relations and investigation technology platform within the next 12 months?
	Yes
	No
	Don't know
	Not applicable, my organization does not use any sort of employee relations and investigation technology platform
85.	If your organization <u>does not</u> use any sort of employee relations and investigation technology platform, how likely is your organization to start using an employee relations and investigation technology platform within the next 12 months?
	Very likely
	Somewhat likely
	Somewhat unlikely
	Very unlikely Don't know
	Not applicable, my organization already uses an employee relations and investigation technology platform
Mana	ging Issues Remotely and Manager Resources
86.	Was your organization primarily working remotely in 2020, primarily working in-person in 2020, or engaging in a combination of remote and in-person work?
	Primarily remote work Primarily in-person work A combination of remote and in-person work
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87.	If you were working remotely for at least some of 2020, how challenging did you find it to manage and/or document employee issues in a remote environment compared to when you were working in an in-person environment?
	Much more challenging Somewhat more challenging Neither more nor less challenging Somewhat less challenging Much less challenging Not applicable, I was not working remotely in 2020
88.	If you found it more challenging to manage and/or document employee issues in a remote environment, please explain what you found most challenging about this. If you did not work remotely for at least some of 2020 or did not find managing and/or documenting employee issues in a remote environment more challenging, please write N/A.
issues wo	, 99% of participants in this Study cited that additional tools and resources to better equip managers to handle employed build help make their jobs easier. These final few questions aim to dig more deeply into the processes, tools and resource to help managers handle employee issues (such as attendance, behavioral concerns, ongoing performance management
89.	My organization's process for dealing with employee issues (such as ongoing performance management, attendance, behavioral concerns, etc.) can best be described as:
	A formal structure or required process in place for managers to handle employee issues when they arise An informal structure or suggested process for managers to handle employee issues when they arise, but there are no strict requirements We have no specific guidelines or processes in place for managers to handle employee issues when they arise Don't know
90.	How confident are you that managers in your organization have the necessary skills to address employee issues?
	Very confident Somewhat confident Somewhat unconfident Very unconfident
91.	How confident are you that managers in your organization document employee issues in an effective and compliant manner?
	Very confident Somewhat confident Somewhat unconfident Very unconfident

92.	How confident are you that managers in your organization have easy access to documents related to an employee's past issues, even if the employee reported to another manager at the time?
	Very confident
	Somewhat confident
	Somewhat unconfident
	Very unconfident
93.	How confident are you that managers in your organization will have the necessary employee documentation when they want to move forward with a termination?
	Very confident
	Somewhat confident
	Somewhat unconfident
	Very unconfident
94.	How confident are you that managers in your organization know when it is appropriate to escalate an employee issue raised by an employee to the employee relations team?
	Very confident
	Somewhat confident
	Somewhat unconfident
	Very unconfident
95.	What tools are available through your organization to help managers handle employee issues? Please select all that apply. Select all that apply.
	Self-service manager portal
	On-demand training
	Live training
	Annual training
	Manager toolkit
	Pre-defined templates
	Other (please specify):
	None of the above
	Don't know
96.	Which of the following methods do managers in your organization use to track employee issues? Please select all that
	apply. Select all that apply.
	Word processing document
	Spreadsheet
	Email
	An app or technology-based tool
	Other (please specify):
	Don't know
97.	If managers use an app or technology-based tool to track employee issues, what app or technology-based tool do
	managers in your organization use to track employee issues? If you do not use an app or technology-based tool, please write N/A
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98.	Below are some ways that organizations benefit when managers handle employee issues and concerns in an appropriate manner. Which <b>THREE</b> do you think are the most important?		
	It helps retain high performing employees  It drives higher productivity  It improves employee moral  It makes it easier to remove underperforming employees  It helps prevent lawsuits  It helps protect the organization's brand  It helps reinforce the organization's brandculture  It helps support Diversity and Inclusion policies  It improves the experiences the organization can deliver our customers  Other (please specify):		
Conclusi	on		
99.	Is there any additional information about how your organization manages employee relations that you would like to share?		
100.	Are there other questions you would like us to explore in future employee relations benchmark studies?		
101.	May we contact you to get additional information or clarification to your responses?		
	Yes No		
102.	Would you like a copy of your responses to this survey emailed to you? If you select "yes," we will send a copy of your responses to the email address you listed at the beginning of the survey.		
	Yes No		

103.	Please let us know of other leaders of employee relations within your professional network who may be interested in participating in our Employee Relations Roundtable Community initiatives (including the Benchmark Study, the online empower community, and the Employee Relations Roundtable). Please provide name, organization and email if available.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this study. We look forward to compiling and sharing the results with participating organizations. As a reminder, all responses will be aggregated to maintain the confidentiality of participating organizations.

Thank you again! If you have any questions, please contact us at <a href="mailto:benchmark@hracuity.com">benchmark@hracuity.com</a>.