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Preface

What would the legislators who enacted the Civil Rights Act of 1964 have thought if they were zoomed into the future and saw the current state of employment discrimination law? Did they have any idea that Title VII of that landmark legislation would lead to a vibrant and voluminous area of law? Probably not. But here we are.

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