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Trump Account Rules Ease Path as Small Employers Face Slow Start

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[Jeff Banish](#), a partner in Troutman Pepper Locke's [Employee Benefits + Executive Compensation](#) Practice Group, was quoted in the August 17, 2026, *Bloomberg Law* article, "[Trump Account Rules Ease Path as Small Employers Face Slow Start](#)."

"It doesn't nullify the program. It just results in these excess contribution being taxed to highly compensated folks," said Jeff Banish, a partner at Troutman Pepper Locke. "Employers have to be nimble as soon as year end closes to do the testing and figure out if there's excess contributions."

"These rules are going to eliminate the friction associated with establishing and administering benefit plans generally in this type of program," Banish said.

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