



Increase in workplace sex discrimination claims, study suggests

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New research suggests that the number of sex discrimination claims by employees has increased by 69%, reaching a five-year high.

More than 9,300 claims were made in the past year, with women increasingly likely to come forward since the start of the MeToo movement, said employment lawyers [GQ Littler](#).

Moves by companies to tackle sex discrimination, such as banning alcohol at work-related events, or discouraging hugging, are not preventing claims being made, said the law firm.

Allegations of sexual assault against Harvey Weinstein, one of Hollywood's most powerful figures, triggered a wide reckoning for men accused of improper behaviour in October 2017.

It quickly spread beyond the confines of the film industry with thousands of women using the hashtag #MeToo to tell their stories of sexual harassment and discrimination.

Weinstein, who denies all allegations of non-consensual sex, is facing a trial in New York on charges of sexual assault.

Hannah Mahon of GQ Littler, said: "The increase in sex discrimination claims will raise questions over whether employers are doing enough to stamp out inappropriate behaviour in the workplace.

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