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DENNIS P. WALSH APPOINTED FLRA DEPUTY GENERAL COUNSEL

The Office of General Counsel (OGC) of the Federal Labor Relations Authority (FLRA) is pleased to announce the appointment of Dennis P. Walsh as Deputy General Counsel. "This is a time of great challenge and opportunity in federal sector labor relations," stated General Counsel, Julia Akins Clark. "The OGC is rebuilding its capacity to meet the demand for timely, quality and cost effective dispute resolution services. This means employing best practices in labor case processing, taking full advantage of information technology, and integrating alternative dispute resolution opportunities at every appropriate stage."

According to General Counsel Clark, "Mr. Walsh is the ideal person to guide this effort." During his twenty year legal career at the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB), Mr. Walsh has performed every aspect of the Board's legal work from field attorney to NLRB member. He has been on the frontline investigating unfair labor practice charges, conducting representation hearings and elections, managing regional operations from a national headquarters' perspective, and adjudicating labor cases as a NLRB Member. "We are fortunate to have the benefit of Mr. Walsh's experience, as we restore the FLRA Office of General Counsel as a leader in labor relations."

Mr. Walsh served as a Member of the NLRB on three occasions: January 2006 to December 2007, under a recess appointment by President Bush; December 2002 to December 2004, after being nominated by President Bush and confirmed by the Senate; and December 2000 to December 2001, under a recess appointment by President Clinton. Since December 2007, he has served as a Special Assistant in the Division of Enforcement of the NLRB and a Deputy Assistant General Counsel in the NLRB General Counsel's Division of Operations. He was Chief Counsel to NLRB Member Wilma B. Liebman from 1997 to 2000 and to former Member Margaret A. Browning from 1994 to 1997. He began his legal career in 1984 as an NLRB attorney in the Office of Representation Appeals, and continued to work for various NLRB offices, including former Member Patricia Diaz Dennis, the Appellate Court Branch, and the Philadelphia, PA Regional Office (Region 4). From 1989 to 1994, he practiced law with Spear, Wilderman, Borish, Endy, Browning & Spear in Philadelphia. Mr. Walsh has been an Adjunct Professor of Labor Law at Howard University School of Law for several years. He is a 1983 cum laude graduate of Cornell Law School, where he was an Editor of the Law Review, and a 1976 summa cum laude graduate of Hamilton College.

The FLRA administers the labor-management relations program for 1.6 million non-Postal Federal employees worldwide, approximately 1.1 million of whom are represented in 2,200 bargaining units. It is charged with providing leadership in establishing policies and guidance related to Federal sector labor-management relations and with resolving disputes under and ensuring compliance with the Federal Service Labor-Management Relations Statute. The OGC, the independent investigative and prosecutorial component of the FLRA, investigates, settles and prosecutes unfair labor practice charges.

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