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The FLRA Appoints Administrative Law Judge

Following the appointment of the FLRA's first [Senate-Confirmed General Counsel](#) since 2017, the Federal Labor Relations Authority (FLRA) is pleased to announce the appointment of Senior Administrative Law Judge Leisha Self through the Office of Personnel Management's Senior Administrative Law Judge Program. Judge Self will adjudicate unfair labor practice complaints issued by the General Counsel.

Judge Self, a retired Administrative Law Judge, returns to the FLRA where she previously served from 2022 to 2025 as an Administrative Law Judge and in the Office of the Solicitor. She brings more than 22 years of experience in labor relations and employment law.

Judge Self began her career as a labor and employment lawyer at Irell & Manella in California. She later served as a labor law professor at the University of Oklahoma College of Law before moving to Washington, D.C., where she worked as Counsel to the Senate Labor Subcommittee. She later served as Counsel for the American Federation of Government Employees, litigating numerous cases in administrative forums. Judge Self also served for more than 6 years as an Administrative Law Judge with the Social Security Administration.

She earned her law degree from the University of Arizona College of Law in 1987, graduating *summa cum laude*.

"I am pleased to welcome Judge Self back to the FLRA as a Senior Administrative Law Judge," said Chairman Colleen Kiko. "With the confirmation of a General Counsel after a long vacancy in the position, the FLRA has an immediate, mission-critical need for an Administrative Law Judge with strong experience in federal-sector labor-management relations. Judge Self fulfills that need."

For more information on FLRA's Office of Administrative Law Judges, [click here](#).

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The FLRA administers the labor-management relations program for federal employees (excluding Postal Service employees) worldwide. 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.