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## **PRESIDENT TRUMP REAPPOINTS MEMBERS TO THE FEDERAL SERVICE IMPASSES PANEL**

The FLRA is pleased to announce that President Donald J. Trump has reappointed Jonathan Riches and F. Vincent Vernuccio as Members of the Federal Service Impasses Panel (Panel), an independent entity within the Federal Labor Relations Authority (FLRA). The Panel Chairman and Members serve on a part-time basis and provide assistance in resolving negotiation impasses between Federal Agencies and labor organizations. FLRA Chairman Colleen Duffy Kiko expressed her pleasure at the Members' reappointments to a second term.

**Jonathan Riches** will serve the remainder of a five-year term expiring January 10, 2024. He previously served as a Member of the Panel from August 13, 2017 through January 10, 2019. Mr. Riches is the Director of National Litigation for the Goldwater Institute's Scharf-Norton Center for Constitutional Litigation and General Counsel for the Institute. He litigates in federal and state trial and appellate courts in the areas of economic liberty, taxpayer rights, government transparency, free speech, and educational choice, among others. Before joining the Goldwater Institute, Mr. Riches served on active duty in the U.S. Navy Judge Advocate General's (JAG) Corps. He previously clerked for Senator Jon Kyl (R- AZ) on the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee, worked for the Rules Committee in the Arizona State Senate, and clerked in the Office of Counsel to the President at the White House. He received his B.A. from Boston College, where he graduated magna cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa, and he earned his J.D. from the University of Arizona, James E. Rogers College of Law.

**F. Vincent Vernuccio** will also serve the remainder of a five-year term expiring January 10, 2024 and previously served as a Member of the Panel from 2017 through January 10, 2019. He is a labor policy consultant and serves as a senior policy advisor for the State Policy Network, a senior fellow at the Mackinac Center for Public Policy, and a senior fellow at the Illinois Policy Institute. Under President George W. Bush, Mr. Vernuccio served as Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Administration and Management at the U.S. Department of Labor from 2008-2009. He also served on the Trump transition team for the Department of Labor. Mr. Vernuccio has published articles and op-eds in such newspapers and magazines as *The Wall Street Journal*, *The New York Times*, *Investor's Business Daily*, *The Washington Times*, *National Review*, *Forbes*, and *The American Spectator*. He is a sought-after voice on labor panels nationally and in Washington, D.C., and as a guest on national television. Mr. Vernuccio has advised legislators on a multitude of labor-related issues and has testified before the U.S. House of Representatives Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service, and Labor Policy. Mr. Vernuccio lives in Ann Arbor, Michigan, and he is a graduate of the Ave Maria School of Law.

The FLRA administers the labor-management-relations program for 2.1 million non-Postal federal employees worldwide, approximately 1.2 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 Statute).

The Panel resolves impasses between federal agencies and unions representing federal employees arising from negotiations over conditions of employment under the Statute and the Federal Employees Flexible and Compressed Work Schedules Act.

For further information regarding the Panel or these appointments, contact Kimberly Moseley, Executive Director of the Panel, at (202) 218-7790.

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