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FLRA ANNOUNCES KEY NOMINATION BY PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA

The Federal Labor Relations Authority (FLRA) is pleased to announce that on April 13, 2015, President Barack Obama announced his intent to nominate FLRA Chairman Carol Waller Pope to serve an additional term as Chairman. In making the nomination, President Obama cited Chairman Pope's "depth of experience" and her "tremendous dedication" to her important role. The White House's full announcement can be found [here](#).

Chairman Pope has served as Chairman since November 2013, and prior to that from February 2009 to January 2013. Nominated previously by both Presidents William J. Clinton and George W. Bush, Chairman Pope has served as a Member of the Authority since 2000, and she is the first and only FLRA career employee to serve as Chairman and Member. Under her leadership as Chairman, the FLRA has increased productivity and improved employee satisfaction and morale, rising in the Best Places to Work in the Federal Government rankings from 34th (last) place in 2009 to 5th place in 2014 among small agencies. As FLRA Chairman, Chairman Pope also serves as a Member of the National Council on Federal Labor-Management Relations, under Executive Order 13522, *Creating Labor-Management Forums to Improve Delivery of Government Services*.

Prior to her appointment to the FLRA, Chairman Pope worked in the FLRA's Office of the General Counsel from 1980 to 2000, first as an attorney in the Boston Regional Office, then as Executive Assistant to the General Counsel, and finally as Assistant General Counsel. Earlier in her career, she served as an Attorney Advisor in the Employee Benefits Division of the Office of the Solicitor at the U.S. Department of Labor. She has been recognized by numerous professional organizations for her work, including the American Bar Association's Federal Labor and Employment Law Section and Simmons College. A native of Pittsburgh, Chairman Pope received a B.A. from Simmons College and a J.D. from Northeastern University 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 Statute.

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