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PETER A. SUTTON APPOINTED FLRA DEPUTY GENERAL COUNSEL

Federal Labor Relations Authority (FLRA) General Counsel Julia Akins Clark announced today that Peter A. Sutton has been appointed Deputy General Counsel of the FLRA after serving many years as the Regional Director of the Agency's Chicago Regional Office.

In his new role, Mr. Sutton will oversee the operations and management of the Agency's Regional Offices and act as senior advisor to the General Counsel. "Peter is a spectacular lawyer and talented leader who will bring to his new position an extraordinary breadth of experience, great judgment, and extraordinary work ethic," said General Counsel Julia Akins Clark. "I have benefited from Peter's wise counsel since I joined the Agency and I know that his sage advice and tireless commitment to the Agency's mission will continue to serve the Agency well."

Mr. Sutton joined the FLRA shortly after the agency was established in 1979. He has been a senior manager with the agency since 1991, culminating in his appointment as Regional Director for the Chicago Region in April 2005. Since then, Mr. Sutton simultaneously served in critical leadership positions on an acting basis, including Acting Deputy General Counsel from August through December 2009, Acting Regional Director of the Washington Region from January through May 2010, and Acting Deputy General Counsel from March 2013 until this appointment.

In addition to his agency responsibilities, Mr. Sutton is a long time member of the Chicago-Kent College of Law Federal Sector Conference Advisory Board and is a frequent speaker at that annual conference. In addition, he has taught and spoken at many other federal sector educational conferences sponsored by the FLRA, other federal government agencies, the Federal Management Institute, Federal Dispute Resolution (LRP), and the Society of Federal Labor and **Employment Relations Professionals.**

In recognition of his extraordinary public service, the American Bar Association (ABA), Section on Labor and Employment Law presented the prestigious Federal Labor and Employment Attorney of the Year award to Mr. Peter Sutton in 2010. Mr. Sutton attended Holy Cross (B.A., 1975) and received his law degree from New England School of Law (J.D., 1979).

The FLRA Office of the General Counsel (OGC) is the independent investigative and prosecutorial component of the FLRA. Through its seven regional offices, the OGC investigates, settles, and prosecutes unfair labor practice charges, resolves representation disputes, including the conduct of secret ballot elections, and provides training to union and management representatives. 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.