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FLRA PUBLISHES DIGESTS OF AUTHORITY DECISIONS, COMPLETING TWO-YEAR STRATEGIC INITIATIVE

Today, the Federal Labor Relations Authority (FLRA) announces the culmination of a twoyear initiative. As of 2020, the FLRA now posts each new decision with an accompanying digest. FLRA case digests that summarize each of the full-length, merits decisions can be **viewed online**.

While the digests are not part of the official decisions, Chairman Colleen Duffy Kiko explained, "We hope these summaries will be a valuable tool for researchers and members of the Federal labor-management community to identify more quickly and efficiently the decisions that interest them." The FLRA expects that case-summary digests will provide customers with additional, easy-to-understand guidance and information regarding precedent.

Further, the Authority has compiled these digests on the **Quarterly Digest Reports page**. The Authority pursues this digest initiative as part of its commitment in its Strategic Plan for Fiscal Years 2018 through 2022 "to develop tools and resources" to assist the parties. The Quarterly Digest Reports are online for the last calendar year and through the current first quarter of calendar year 2020.

The FLRA's Strategic Plan also includes a renewed emphasis on clearly articulated written work products. As part of this effort, the FLRA has particularly focused in the first few paragraphs of each Authority decision as a place to provide a brief synopsis of the most pertinent principles in the decision. This uniform structure should help customers understand a decision's significance or relevance to them without needing to read the entire decision. Parties are reminded, however, that the descriptions contained in the digests are for informational purposes only, do not constitute legal precedent, and are not intended to be a substitute for the opinion of the Authority.

For updates on other FLRA-related news and to receive notifications when new Authority decisions are posted, the FLRA encourages subscription to its Really Simple Syndication **(RSS) Feeds**.

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The Federal Labor Relations Authority 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. The Authority is charged with resolving disputes under, and ensuring compliance with, the Federal Service Labor-Management Relations Statute. The Authority's mission is "Protecting rights and facilitating stable relationships among federal agencies, labor organizations, and employees while advancing an effective and efficient government through the administration of the statute."