The Federal Labor Relations Authority (FLRA) is pleased to announce that President Donald J. Trump has announced his intent to re-nominate Ernest W. DuBester to serve a third consecutive term as a Member of the Authority – the FLRA’s three-Member decisional component. Member DuBester has been nominated for the remainder of a five-year term expiring on July 1, 2019.

Member DuBester has served as an Authority Member since August 2009. He also previously served as FLRA Chairman from January to November 2013. Member DuBester has over 40 years of experience in Labor-Management relations. He began his career at the National Labor Relations Board serving as counsel to former Chairman and Member John Fanning. He also served as a Union attorney with the firm of Highsaw & Mahoney, and as legislative counsel to the AFL-CIO. From 1993-2001, he was Chairman and Member at the National Mediation Board (NMB), which oversees labor relations in the airline and railroad industries, and subsequently worked as NMB staff mediator from 2005-2009. From 2001-2005, Member DuBester served as the professor and director of the dispute-resolution program at George Mason University School of Law (now Antonin Scalia Law School). Member DuBester received his undergraduate degree from Boston College; his law degree from Catholic University, where he served as Recent Developments Editor of the Law Review; and his Masters of Law in Labor Law from the Georgetown University Law Center. He is married to Karen Marie Kremer.

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).

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