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## **PRESIDENT TRUMP ANNOUNCES FLRA NOMINEES**

The Federal Labor Relations Authority (FLRA) is pleased to announce that President Donald J. Trump has **announced** his intent to nominate James Thomas Abbott and Colleen Kiko to serve as Members of the Authority – the FLRA’s three-Member decisional component. Mr. Abbott has been nominated for the remainder of a five-year term expiring on July 1, 2020, and Ms. Kiko has been nominated for the remainder of a five-year term expiring on July 29, 2022. The president also announced that he plans to designate Ms. Kiko as FLRA Chair upon her confirmation.

Mr. Abbott has served as Chief Counsel to the Federal Labor Relations Authority since 2007, currently with Acting Chairman Patrick Pizzella and previously with Chairman Dale Cabaniss and Member Thomas Beck. Prior to his appointment to the Authority, Mr. Abbott served as Deputy General Counsel for the Congressional Office of Compliance, from 2004 to 2007. Earlier in his career, Mr. Abbott served as the Senior Associate District Counsel for Personnel and Ethics at the Defense Contract Management Agency; Chief Counsel at Corpus Christi Army Depot, U.S. Army Materiel Command; and Senior Labor Counsel at the HQ Depot Systems Command, U.S. Army Materiel Command. He received his J.D. from Temple University Beasley School of Law in Philadelphia, and was a Magna Cum Laude graduate of Malone University. Mr. Abbott lives in Oakton, Virginia with his husband, Daniel Gri, and their two sons, Caleb and Alfred.

Ms. Kiko was born and raised in North Dakota. She currently serves as a Judge of the Employees’ Compensation Appeals Board in the Department of Labor. Ms. Kiko has a long history with the Federal Labor Relations Authority (FLRA). She worked in its predecessor agency and, when the FLRA opened its doors on January 1, 1979, Ms. Kiko began work in the Washington Regional Office investigating unfair labor practices. She ultimately moved into positions within the headquarters of the FLRA. In 2005, she returned to serve as General Counsel of the FLRA. Ms. Kiko has served in the Justice Department in various capacities, as an associate counsel to the House Judiciary Committee, and in the private practice of law. She holds a J.D. from Antonin Scalia Law School and a B.S. degree from North Dakota State University. Ms. Kiko lives in Virginia with her husband, Phil. They have four children and four grandchildren.

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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