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THE FEDERAL LABOR RELATIONS AUTHORITY ANNOUNCES KEY NOMINATIONS BY PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA

The Federal Labor Relations Authority (FLRA) is pleased to announce that on December 20, 2012, President Barack Obama announced his intent to nominate Chairman Carol Waller Pope and Member Ernie DuBester to the FLRA to serve additional terms as Chairman and Member, respectively. The White House's full announcement can be found [here](#).

Carol Waller Pope is currently Chairman of the FLRA, a position she has held since 2009. She was first appointed as a Member of the FLRA in 2000. Prior to her appointment, Chairman Pope worked in the Office of the General Counsel of the FLRA 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 Department of Labor. Chairman Pope is the recipient of distinguished achievement and leadership awards from the American Bar Association and the Federal Labor and Employment Law Section. She received a B.A. from Simmons College and a J.D. from Northeastern University School of Law.

Ernie DuBester currently serves as a Member of the FLRA, a position he has held since 2009. Previously, Member DuBester served as a Mediator at the National Mediation Board from 2005 to 2009. From 2001 to 2005, Member DuBester was a Professor and Chair of the Dispute Resolution Program at George Mason University School of Law. During that period, he also worked as an Arbitrator of labor and employment matters, which included the handling of Federal sector cases. From 1997 to 2001, Member DuBester taught graduate courses in collective bargaining and arbitration at Catholic University School of Law. From 1993 to 2001, Member DuBester was a Member of the National Mediation Board, serving as Chairman multiple times. Member DuBester served as Legislative Counsel at the AFL-CIO from 1984 to 1993, and he worked at the law firm of Highsaw and Mahoney from 1981 to 1984. From 1975 to 1981, he served as Counsel to the National Labor Relations Board. Mr. DuBester received a B.A. from Boston College, a J.D. from the Columbus School of Law at Catholic University of America, and an LL.M. in Labor Law from the Georgetown University Law Center.

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.

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