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## **PRESIDENT OBAMA APPOINTS MEMBERS TO THE FEDERAL SERVICE IMPASSES PANEL**

The Federal Labor Relations Authority (FLRA) is pleased to announce that President Obama has appointed Marvin E. Johnson and David E. Walker as Members of the Federal Service Impasses Panel (Panel), an independent entity within the FLRA. FLRA Chairman Carol Waller Pope expressed her pleasure at the announcement, which means that the Panel now has a full complement of seven Members. She looks forward to continuing to work with the Panel Members to accomplish the FLRA's important mission.

Marvin E. Johnson is Executive Director of the Center for Alternative Dispute Resolution, which he founded at Bowie State University in 1986. He has been a Mediator, Arbitrator, and Trainer with Accordmend Associates since 1984. Mr. Johnson was Assistant and Associate Professor of Labor Relations, Law, and Dispute Resolution at Bowie State University from 1983 to 2000 and was Adjunct Professor at The Catholic University of America Columbus School of Law from 2008 to 2012. From 1999 to 2002 and from 2009 to 2012, he served as a Member of the Federal Service Impasses Panel. From 2005 to 2007, Mr. Johnson served as a Member of the Foreign Service Grievance Board. He has served on numerous boards and panels including the Association for Conflict Resolution, the American Bar Association Section of Dispute Resolution, the International Academy of Mediators, the American Arbitration Association, and the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service. Mr. Johnson received a B.B.A. from Kent State University, an M.S. from the University of Wisconsin, and a J.D. from The Catholic University of America Columbus School of Law.

David E. Walker is an arbitrator for the Midgulf Association of Stevedores and International Longshoremen's Association Local Union No. 1497 in New Orleans, Louisiana. Since 2004, he has been on the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service Roster of Arbitrators. Mr. Walker served on the Florida/South Florida/Suncoast Expedited Arbitration Panel of the United States Postal Service and the National Central Mail Handlers Union from 2002 to 2005. From 1968 to 2003, he was an attorney in private practice specializing in labor relations. Mr. Walker served as Lieutenant in the United States Air Force from 1962 to 1965. Mr. Walker is also a member of the National Panel of Arbitrators maintained by the American Federation of Government Employees and an arbitrator for the Social Security Administration. Mr. Walker received a B.S. from Louisiana State University, an M.A. from George Washington University, and an L.L.B. from Harvard Law School.

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). The Panel resolves impasses between federal agencies and unions representing federal employees arising from negotiations over conditions of employment under the Statute and the Federal Employees Flexible and Compressed Work Schedules Act.

For further information regarding the Panel or these appointments, contact Joseph Schimansky, Executive Director of the Panel, at (202) 218-7991.

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