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PRESIDENT OBAMA REAPPOINTS MEMBERS TO THE FEDERAL SERVICE IMPASSES PANEL

The Federal Labor Relations Authority (FLRA) is pleased to announce that President Obama has reappointed Barbara B. Franklin and Edward F. Hartfield 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, and looks forward to continuing to work with the Panel Members in accomplishing the FLRA's important mission.

Barbara B. Franklin is an arbitrator and mediator in Washington, D.C. She serves on arbitration rosters administered by the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service (FMCS), the American Arbitration Association, and the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority. She is a mediator for the U.S. Court of Appeals and the District Court for the District of Columbia. She also served for over 14 years as a Public Member of the D.C. Police and Firefighters Retirement Board, a position appointed by the Mayor of D.C. Before her retirement from the Federal Government in 1997, Ms. Franklin was Chief Counsel to FLRA Members Pamela Talkin and Donald S. Wasserman. From 1977 to 1989, she served as a staff attorney and supervisory attorney for the National Labor Relations Board in the Office of General Counsel (Division of Advice). Ms. Franklin received her J.D. from The Catholic University of America's Columbus School of Law, where she was Associate Editor of the Law Review, and her B.A. from Northwestern University.

Edward F. Hartfield is a Member of the Panel, a role he has held since 2010, and previously from 1994 to 2002. Concurrently, since 2010, he has also been President of Hartfield Resolution Group. He has served as a full-time mediator and arbitrator since 1976. From 1988 to 2010, he was Executive Director of the National Center for Dispute Settlement. From 1979 to 1988, Mr. Hartfield served as a Commissioner with the FMCS, and as a State Mediator for the New Jersey Office of Dispute Settlement from 1976 to 1979. He has also served as the International President of the Society of Professionals in Dispute Resolution and on the Michigan Supreme Court Dispute Resolution Task Force. Mr. Hartfield is also a member of various arbitration panels, including the FMCS, the National Mediation Board, the Michigan Employment Relations Commission, and the Employment Relations Boards for the states of Ohio and Iowa. Mr. Hartfield received a B.A. from Oberlin College and an M.A. from the University of Detroit.

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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