GENERAL COUNSEL TO HOLD WASHINGTON, D.C. TOWN HALL MEETING

The Federal Labor Relations Authority’s (FLRA’s) General Counsel, Julia Akins Clark, has announced that the Office of the General Counsel (OGC) will hold a town hall meeting in Washington, D.C. on Thursday, October 21, 2010. The meeting will introduce three new information resources -- a comprehensive, web-based Unfair Labor Practice Case Law Outline and Casehandling Manual as well as a Guide to Arbitration under the Federal Service Labor-Management Relations Statute (Statute) -- and will include a panel discussion with FLRA Member Thomas Beck, Federal Service Impasses Panel Chair Mary Jacksteit, and General Counsel Clark.

“Town hall meetings are a useful way for the FLRA to share information with Federal agencies, Federal employees, and organizations representing Federal employees about what we are doing and the services we offer to meet our core mission of promptly resolving disputes,” said General Counsel Clark. “Meeting directly with the people we serve allows us to ensure that we are successfully meeting their needs, especially learning what we can do to improve our operations.”

The town hall meeting will be held October 21, 2010, from 1:00-3:30 pm at the National Labor Relations Board, Margaret A. Browning Hearing Room, 1099 14th Street, NW, 11th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20570. RSVP by email to Ameeran Ali at aali@flra.gov or 202-218-7759. The first Town Hall meeting in this series was held in Chicago on September 22, 2010. Additional town hall meetings will be held in Atlanta, Boston, Dallas, Denver, and San Francisco in the near future.

The FLRA administers the labor-management relations program for 1.6 million non-Postal Federal employees worldwide, approximately 1.1 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 Statute. The OGC is the independent investigative and prosecutorial component of the FLRA. Through its seven regional offices, it investigates, settles, and prosecutes unfair labor practice charges, resolves representation disputes, and provides training to Federal sector parties on improving their labor-management relations.

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