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PRESIDENT TRUMP APPOINTS PATRICK WRIGHT TO THE FEDERAL SERVICE IMPASSES PANEL

The FLRA is pleased to announce that President Donald J. Trump has appointed Patrick Wright to serve as a Member of the Federal Service Impasses Panel (Panel), a component within the Federal Labor Relations Authority (FLRA). The Panel Chairman and Members serve on a part-time basis and provide assistance in resolving negotiation impasses between federal agencies and labor organizations. FLRA Chairman Colleen Duffy Kiko expressed her pleasure at the appointment.

Patrick Wright will serve the remainder of a five-year term expiring January 10, 2024. Mr. Wright is Vice President for Legal Affairs at the Mackinac Center for Public Policy, where he directs the Mackinac Center Legal Foundation. He joined the Center in 2005 after serving for three years as a Michigan Supreme Court commissioner, a post in which he made recommendations to the court concerning which state appeals court cases it should hear. Prior to that, he spent four years as an assistant attorney general for the State of Michigan, where he gained significant litigation and appellate advocacy experience. Mr. Wright joined the state Attorney General's Office after serving as a policy advisor in the Senate Majority Policy Office of the Michigan Senate. He also spent two years as a law clerk to the Honorable H. Russell Holland, a United States district court judge in Alaska.

Aside from directly representing clients, Mr. Wright has filed numerous amicus briefs, including many to the United States Supreme Court. In addition to being featured in many state publications and on national media outlets, his work has been published in *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Washington Post*, and *The Hill*.

Mr. Wright received his law degree, with honors, from George Washington University in 1994. He received his undergraduate degree in political science from the University of Michigan in 1990. Mr. Wright lives in Midland, Michigan, with his wife and sons.

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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 this appointment, contact Kimberly Moseley, Executive Director of the Panel, at (202) 218-7991.