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**AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION NAMES
FLRA CHICAGO REGIONAL DIRECTOR PETER SUTTON
FEDERAL LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT ATTORNEY OF THE YEAR**

At their 4th Annual Labor and Employment Law Section meeting November 3-5, 2010, the American Bar Association (ABA), Section on Labor and Employment Law presented the prestigious Federal Labor and Employment Attorney of the Year award to Federal Labor Relations Authority (FLRA) Chicago Regional Director, Peter Sutton. "Peter Sutton clearly earned this recognition through his sustained outstanding service to the FLRA, leadership within the FLRA Office of General Counsel, and contribution to the education of the Federal sector labor relations community" stated FLRA General Counsel Julia Akins Clark.

Mr. Sutton joined the FLRA shortly after the agency was established in 1979. He has been a senior manager with the agency since 1991, culminating in his appointment as Regional Director for the Chicago Region in April 2005. Most recently, Mr. Sutton performed multiple leadership roles in the FLRA Office of General Counsel, while continuing to lead the agency's Chicago Region during a critical rebuilding and transition period. Following an 18-month period when there was no FLRA General Counsel, Mr. Sutton served as the Acting Deputy General Counsel from August through December 2009, and Acting Regional Director of the Washington Region from January through May 2010. In addition to his agency responsibilities, Mr. Sutton is a long time member of the Chicago-Kent College of Law Federal Sector Conference Advisory Board and is a frequent speaker at that annual conference. In addition, he has taught and spoken at many other Federal sector educational conferences sponsored by the FLRA, other Federal government agencies, the Federal Management Institute, Federal Dispute Resolution (LRP), and the Society of Federal Labor and Employment Relations Professionals.

The Federal Labor and Employment Attorney of the Year award, established in 2006, recognizes a Federal attorney whose professional achievements exemplify excellence in the employment/labor field. The ABA selection committee evaluates award nominees based upon their commitment to government service and the advancement of labor/employment law, and demonstrated significant accomplishments within their particular field. The nominee must have demonstrated an outstanding contribution to the legal profession through sustained excellence in the quality of his or her work; integrity and dedication; leadership within their Federal agency and the legal community outside of their agency, as well as legal scholarship. Any career Federal attorney employed by Department of Justice, Department of Labor, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, FLRA, Merit Systems Protection Board, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, and National Labor Relations Board is eligible for this award. Past honorees include several distinguished attorneys from the National Labor Relations Board, Department of Labor, and Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. Information about the award and selection criteria can be found at:
http://www.abanet.org/labor/fleaya_home.shtml.

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 Federal Labor-Management Relations Statute.

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