

March 23, 2007

Dear Colleague:

The Federal Service Labor and Employment Law Committee's Spring Meeting is being held Wednesday, April 18 and Thursday, April 19 at the ABA's Washington, D.C. office (740 15th Street, NW). The meeting will begin at 9:00 am on Wednesday and will adjourn at 4:30 pm on Wednesday (with a reception from 4:30-5:30 pm). On Thursday, following an ambitious afternoon of programs and a business meeting, we will adjourn at 12:15 pm. Although the cherry blossoms will be mostly gone by this date, azaleas will be in full bloom at this great time of year in D.C.!

We have an exciting program planned for you. The tentative agenda is as follows:

PROGRAM AGENDA

Wednesday, April 18, 2007

- 8:30-9:00 am** Registration and Continental Breakfast
- 9:00-9:15 am** Welcome and Introductions
- Christopher T. Dong, Employer Co-Chair
Office of General Counsel, FBI, Washington, D.C.
- Charles Hobbie, Union & Employee Co-Chair, Deputy General Counsel, American Federation of Government Employees Washington, D.C.
- Elizabeth L. Newman, Employee Co-Chair, Kalijarvi, Chuzi & Newman, PC, Washington, D.C.
- 9:15-10:30 am** Select panel of experts from the Department of Defense, Department of Homeland Security, AFGE, NFFE, and NTEU speaking on the status of the National Security Personnel System and "HCOP" (formerly "MaxHR") and the status of the unions' judicial actions
- Speakers:
- Marta Brito Perez, Chief Human Capital Officer, Dept. of Homeland Security [invited]
Susan Tsui Grundmann, General Counsel, National Federation of Federal Employees, AFL-CIO
Mary Lacey, Program Executive Officer, National Security Personnel System, Department of Defense [invited]
Mark Roth, General Counsel, AFGE, AFL-CIO
Larry J. Adkins, Deputy General Counsel, National Treasury Employees Union
- 10:30-10:45 am** Refreshment Break

10:45-12:00 pm Update of Significant MSPB and Federal Circuit Court of Appeals Decisions

Speaker: Rosa M. Koppel, Deputy General Counsel, MSPB

12:00-1:30 pm Luncheon Guest Speaker: Honorable Neil A.G. McPhie, Chairman, U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board

1:30-2:45 pm Pay For Performance Issues in the Federal Sector

Speakers: J. Christopher Mihm, Managing Director, Strategic Issues Team, U.S. Government Accountability Office
Michael Volpe, Assistant General Counsel, GAO
Terry Rozen, Contract Specialist, AFGE, AFL-CIO

2:45-3:00 pm Refreshment Break

3:15-4:30 pm The Role of the Administrative Law Judge in the CSRA & Labor Relations Issues in the Federal Sector: An Update of Significant FLRA and Courts of Appeals Decisions

Speaker: Judge Charles R. Center, Chief Administrative Law Judge, Federal Labor Relations Authority

4:30-5:30 pm Reception

Thursday, April 19, 2007

8:30-9:00 am Continental Breakfast

9:00-10:15 am Whistleblowing and Political Activity: Update from the Office of Special Counsel

Speaker: Honorable Scott Bloch, Special Counsel of the United States [invited]
J. Ward Morrow, Assistant General Counsel - Legislation, AFGE, AFL-CIO

10:15 - 10:30 am Break

10:30 - 11:45 am Transportation Security Officers: The Battle for Employment and Labor Relations Rights; Update of Significant Developments

Speakers: Gony Frieder-Goldberg, Assistant General Counsel, AFGE, AFL-CIO
Matthew Milledge, Legal Rights Attorney, AFGE, AFL-CIO

11:45 - 12:15 pm Committee Business Meeting & Refreshments

REGISTRATION

The registration fee is \$175 and includes all scheduled food functions and program materials. **Please note that you do not have to be a member of the ABA to attend the meeting.** To register, complete the enclosed registration form and mail it to Shannon Harrity, Meeting Planner, American Bar Association Section of Labor & Employment Law, 321 N. Clark, Chicago, IL 60610 or fax to 312-988-5814. Please register by April 11th if possible, but registrations will be accepted on Wednesday morning, April 18th. Refunds, less a \$50 administrative fee, will be made on registration cancellations received in writing before April 11th.

HOTEL & AIR TRAVEL

The ABA has special discounted rates at several Washington, D.C. hotels, in addition to discounted fares with several major airlines. For more information please visit the ABA Meetings and Travel website at:

<http://www.abanet.org/mtd/>

CLE CREDIT

Required sponsor documentation will be forwarded to and credit requested from MCLE states with general requirements for all lawyers. Each state determines the number of hours to be credited for attendance. Certificates of Attendance will be available at the meeting.

We look forward to seeing you and to a successful meeting.

Sincerely,

Christopher T. Dong, Employer Co-Chair

Elizabeth L. Newman, Employee Co-Chair

Charles A. Hobbie, Union & Employee Co-Chair