PROGRAM AGENDA

Wednesday, April 5, 2006

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, AFGE, and NFFE speaking on the new DOD labor relations and personnel regulations and the status of the unions' judicial action

Speakers:
Joe Goldberg, Assistant General Counsel, AFGE, AFL-CIO
Susan Tsui Grundmann, General Counsel, NFFE, AFL-CIO
Honorable Michael Dominguez, Assistant Secretary for the Air Force, Manpower and Reserve Affairs

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

12:00-1:45 pm Luncheon-Guest speaker
Barbara J. Sapin, Member
U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board

1:45-3:00 pm Supreme Court and Circuit Court update of significant labor relations and personnel law cases

Speakers:
Douglas Cox, Lt Col, Maryland Air National Guard Staff Judge Advocate
Arthur Kirkpatrick, Maj, United States Air Force Deputy Chief, Employment Litigation Branch

3:00-3:15 pm Refreshment Break

3:15-4:15 pm Update of Significant Equal Employment Opportunity cases

Speaker:
Sarah Starrett, Labor Relations Attorney, Field Services Dept., AFGE

4:30-5:30 pm Reception -preview of tomorrow's oral argument (court of appeals' filings will be available) Sofitel’s Le Bar (806 15th Street NW)
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12:45-1:30 pm Luncheon-Guest Speaker
Stuart J. Ishimaru, Commissioner
Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

1:30-2:30 pm Select panel of experts from Department of Homeland Security, AFGE, and NTEU discussing the morning’s oral argument in NTEU, AFGE et al. v. Chertoff and issues raised in the cross appeals

Speakers:
Mark Roth, General Counsel, AFGE
Robert Shriver, Assistant Counsel, NTEU

2:30-3:30 pm Update of Significant Federal Labor Relations Authority and Circuit Court of Appeals Decisions Concerning Federal Sector Labor Relations

Speaker:
James Blandford, Attorney Advisor, Office of the Solicitor, Federal Labor Relations Authority

3:30-4:00 pm Committee Business Meeting & Refreshments

4:30-6:00 pm Reception (U.S. Courthouse, 3rd and Constitution Ave. N.W.: Judges’ Dining Room, 6th Floor)

Speaker:
Honorable Sharon Prost, Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit