Tuesday, February 5

8:00 – 9:00 am  Registration and Continental Breakfast

9:00 – 9:15 am  WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

- **James Blair**, Employer Co-Chair, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, Washington, DC
- **Joseph Creed**, Employee Co-Chair, Joseph Greenwald & Laake, PA, Rockville, MD
- **Ericka Dorsey**, Union & Employee Co-Chair, American Federation of Government Employees, Washington, DC

9:15 – 10:30 am  EEOC UPDATE

The panelists will review significant EEOC administrative decisions pertaining to federal employees.

**Speakers:**
- **Kristin Alden**, Alden Law Group, PLLC, Washington, DC
- **Robbie Dix**, Associate Director of Appellate Review Programs, EEOC OFO, Washington, DC
- **Jeff Rosenblum**, Deputy General Counsel, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, Washington, DC

10:30 – 10:45 am  Break

10:45 – 12:00 pm  THE CIVIL SERVICE REFORM ACT AT 40: A RETROSPECTIVE AND LOOK AHEAD

The Civil Service Reform Act was enacted in 1978. This panel will explore the original goals of the CSRA, how it has fared over the last forty years, recent reforms, and the future of this landmark legislation.

**Speakers:**
- **Hon. Elaine Kaplan**, U.S. Court of Federal Claims, Washington, DC [invited]
- **Michael Bogdanow**, Senior Legal Liaison, U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board, Washington, DC
- **Robert Kirschman**, Director of National Courts Section, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC [invited]
- **Robert Tobias**, Distinguished Practitioner in Residence, American University, Washington, DC [invited]

12:00 – 12:30 pm  Luncheon (provided)

12:30 – 1:45 pm  THE NEW EXECUTIVE ORDERS

This panel will address the 2018 Executive Orders on collective bargaining, executive time, and removal procedures. Panelists will discuss the meaning and potential effects of these Executive Orders, the decision by the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia striking down the Executive Orders, and the appeal in *AFGE v. Trump*. 
Speakers: **Tim Curry**, Deputy Associate Director, Accountability and Workforce Relations, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, Washington, DC

**Cathie McQuiston**, Deputy General Counsel, American Federation of Government Employees, Washington, DC

1:45 – 3:00 pm **MSPB UPDATE**

The speakers will provide updates on important cases in the Federal Circuit from the past year and potential developments at the Board in 2019.

Speakers: **Peter Broida**, Law Offices of Peter Broida, Arlington, VA

**Daniel Garry**, Trial Attorney, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, Washington, DC [*invited*]

3:00 – 3:15 pm Break

3:15 – 4:30 pm **NEGOTIATING AND DRAFTING EFFECTIVE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS**

This panel will provide insight and guidance on negotiating and drafting effective settlement agreements in the federal sector. Topics will include key terms, strategy, and drafting techniques.

Speakers: **Christina Cotter**, Senior Trial Counsel, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, Washington, DC

**Cathy Harris**, Kator, Parks, Weiser & Harris, PLLC, Washington, DC

**Rock Rockenbach**, [*invited*]

Wednesday, February 6

8:00 – 8:45 am Continental Breakfast

8:45 – 9:00 am **SECTION UPDATE**

**David S. Fortney**, Employer Council Liaison, Fortney & Scott, Washington, DC

**Eunice Washington**, Union & Employee Council Liaison, SEIU Benefit Funds, Washington, DC

9:00 – 10:15 am **THE HATCH ACT AND EMPLOYEE SPEECH IN THE PUBLIC WORKPLACE**

Ana Galindo-Morrone, Chief of the Hatch Act Unit of OSC, will provide a refresher course and update on the requirements of the Hatch Act pertaining to employee speech in the public workplace. Her presentation will address recurring and recent Hatch Act issues, including rules applicable to social media, a look ahead to potential issues during the 2020 election, and recent guidance regarding “the resistance.”

Speaker: **Ana Galindo-Morrone**, Chief, Hatch Act Unit, Office of Special Counsel, Washington, DC [*invited*]

10:15 – 10:30 am Break

10:30 – 11:45 pm **FLRA UPDATE**

Significant decisions by the FLRA and courts, plus other developments affecting federal sector representation elections, unfair labor practices, bargaining, and arbitration.

Speakers: **Frank Ferris**, Negotiations Expert

**Jefferson Friday**, General Counsel, National Federation of Federal Employees, Washington, DC

**David Shewchuk**, Deputy General Counsel for General Law, United States Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC

11:45 – 12:45 pm Lunch (*on your own*)
1:00 – 2:15 pm  **WHISTLEBLOWER UPDATE**
The panel will discuss the current state of the law regarding whistleblower protections for federal employees, and well as recent and proposed legislation that could further change the landscape of federal whistleblower rights and agency responsibilities.

**Speakers:**  
Lisa Banks, Katz, Marshall & Banks, LLP, Washington, DC [invited]  
Mark Maxin, Assistant General Counsel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Rockville, Maryland

2:15 – 3:15 pm  **ADA/REHABILITATION ACT CASE UPDATE**
The panelists will discuss recent developments in case law with respect to reasonable accommodation, failure to accommodate, disparate treatment, etc., with a focus on federal employees.

**Speakers:**  
Joel Kravetz, Civil Rights Program Director, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Rockville, MD  
Christopher Kuczynski, Assistant Legal Counsel and Director of the ADA/GINA Policy Division, EEOC, Washington, DC [invited]

3:15 – 4:15 pm  **COMMITTEE BUSINESS MEETING**