Monday, March 9

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

9:00 – 9:15 am  WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS
- James V. Blair, Employer Co-Chair, Securities and Exchange Commission
- Robert DePriest, Employee Co-Chair, Kalijarvi, Chuzi, Newman & Fitch, P.C.
- Ericka Dorsey, Union & Employee Co-Chair, American Federation of Government Employees
- Shirine Moazed, Public Co-Chair, Office of Special Counsel

9:15 – 10:30 am  EEOC UPDATE
The panelists will review significant EEOC administrative decisions pertaining to federal employees.

10:30 – 10:45 am  Break

10:45 – 12:00 pm  THE HATCH ACT AND EMPLOYEE SPEECH IN THE PUBLIC WORKPLACE
Refresher course and update on the requirements of the Hatch Act pertaining to employee speech in the public workplace, including recurring and recent Hatch Act issues, and looking ahead to the 2020 elections.

12:00 – 12:30 pm  Luncheon

12:30 – 1:45 pm  TELEWORK IN THE FEDERAL WORKPLACE
The panel will discuss the state of the law regarding telework policies in the federal workplace, including an evaluation of updated rules regarding administrative leave.

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 2020.

3:00 – 3:15 pm  Break

3:15 – 4:30 pm  PREVENTING SEXUAL HARASSMENT IN THE FEDERAL SECTOR
The panel will discuss best practices for agency policies to prevent sexual harassment in the workplace and respond to sexual harassment complaints.
Tuesday, March 10

8:00 – 8:45 am  Continental Breakfast

8:45 – 9:00 am  SECTION UPDATE

9:00 – 10:15 am  WHISTLEBLOWER UPDATE
The panel will discuss the current state of the law regarding whistleblower protections for federal employees, as well as recent and proposed legislation that could further change the landscape of federal whistleblower rights and agency responsibilities.

10:15 – 10:30 am  Break

10:30 – 11:45 am  FLRA UPDATE
Significant decisions by the FLRA and courts, plus other developments affecting federal sector representation elections, unfair labor practices, bargaining, and arbitration.

11:45 – 12:45 pm  Lunch (on your own)

1:00 – 2:15 pm  SECURITY CLEARANCE UPDATE
The panel will discuss the current state of the law regarding security clearance adjudications, including changes in how clearances are processed.

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.

3:15 – 4:15 pm  COMMITTEE BUSINESS MEETING