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Join top government officials & policy makers, world-class management-side attorneys & union representatives, and leading academics for a focused day of learning about the future of the federal workplace and workforce.

CONFERENCE AT A GLANCE

8:00am–8:40am
Registration

8:40am–8:45am
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Opening Plenary Panel
Learning From the Obama Administration—Lessons For The Next Administration

10:00am–10:15am
Break

10:15am–11:15am
Second Plenary Address
EEO Update

11:15am–11:30am
Break

11:30am–12:30pm
Concurrent Sessions
- Effective Advocacy Across Forums
- FLRA Update

12:30pm–12:45pm
Box Lunch Pick-Up

12:45pm–1:45pm
Luncheon Session
Ethics: Who Is The Client?

1:45pm–1:50pm
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Post-Luncheon Address
Lessons Learned From MSPB

2:35pm–2:45pm
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Concurrent Sessions
- MSPB Developments
- Nuts & Bolts of Hostile Work Environment Claims

3:45pm–4:00pm
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4:00pm–5:00pm
Closing Plenary Address
OSC, Whistleblowers, and PPP Enforcement

5:00pm–6:00pm
Networking Reception
CONFEREE FACULTY

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National Executive Vice President  
and Director of Field Operations  
and Organizing, National Treasury  
Employees Union

Tom Funciello  
Associate Commissioner,  
Office of Labor-Management  
and Employee Relations  
U.S. Social Security Administration

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Peggy R. Mastroianni  
Legal Counsel  
U.S. Equal Employment  
Opportunity Commission

Jeffrey Neal  
Senior Vice President  
ICF International
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OPENING PLENARY PANEL
Learning From The Obama Administration—Lessons For The Next Administration

Let’s talk about what can we learn from the last seven years. What is the relationship between the White House and federal employee unions? What is the climate in labor-management forums? Is the FEVS even being used? If so, what does it say? What has the impact of EO 13522 been? Are employees more engaged, agencies more productive and effective? What are its costs, its benefits, its effect on labor-management relations? And where does the next generation fit in?

Jim Bailey, National Executive Vice President and Director of Field Operations and Organizing, National Treasury Employees Union
Tom Funcielo, Associate Commissioner, Office of Labor-Management and Employee Relations, U.S. Social Security Administration
Jeffrey Neal, Senior Vice President, ICF International

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SECOND PLENARY ADDRESS
EEO Update
Gain insight into recent case law and policy guidance on front burner EEO issues.

Peggy R. Mastroianni, Legal Counsel, U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

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CONCURRENT SESSIONS
Effective Advocacy Across Forums

Charles Center, Chief Administrative Law Judge, Office of Administrative Law Judges, Federal Labor Relations Authority
Gay F. Chase, Administrative Judge, U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board

12:30pm-12:45pm
Box Lunch Pick-Up

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LUNCHEON SESSION
Ethics: Who Is The Client?
This session will examine ethical scenarios faced by public sector employment and labor attorneys. Considerations include: asserting privilege, candor to the tribunal and obligations to the government, or national union versus the individual client.

Jack Jakubiak, Staff Attorney, Office of Chief Counsel, Midwest District-West, U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs
Michael J. McAuley, National Counsel, National Treasury Employees Union

1:45pm-1:50pm
Travel Break
1:50pm-2:35pm
POST-LUNCHEON ADDRESS
Lessons Learned From MSPB
What was once described as an obscure but powerful agency, the MSPB has endured a raucous six and a half years. Highlights and low lights from the outgoing Chairman.
Susan Tsui Grundmann, Chairman, U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board

2:35pm-2:45pm
Break

2:45pm-3:45pm
CONCURRENT SESSIONS
MSPB Developments
A discussion of recent MSPB cases and what we are seeing as administrative judges that may assist those appearing before the MSPB.
Katherine E. Beaumont, Administrative Judge, U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board
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Nuts & Bolts of Hostile Work Environment Claims
When is the 45-day deadline for filing an EEO complaint not really a deadline? When it’s part of a hostile work environment claim. How the courts and the EEOC have defined discrete acts versus hostile work environment claims will be discussed, especially in regard to time limits. At what point do seemingly minor workplace issues convert to an actionable claim? And how are stale, discrete claims resurrected by attaching them to a timely claim? Also on the docket, what happens when the complainant is a bargaining unit member and the alleged harasser is part of management? Find out how to handle these situations and more.
Gregg R. Sackrider, Retired Managing Counsel, U.S. Postal Service

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CLOSING PLENARY ADDRESS
OSC, Whistleblowers, and PPP Enforcement
The U.S. Office of Special Counsel is an independent federal investigative and prosecutorial agency dedicated to safeguarding employee rights and holding government accountable by enforcing the merit system. OSC protects whistleblowers by providing a safe channel for the disclosure of wrongdoing and by investigating prohibited personnel practices, such as whistleblower retaliation. OSC also enforces the Hatch Act and USERRA.
Carolyn N. Lerner, Special Counsel, U.S. Office of Special Counsel

5:00pm-6:00pm
Networking Reception

“Some of these panels were stunning. I had no clue about most of this. Very helpful.”
– Previous Attendee
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October 28, 2016  Bi-Annual Midwest Arbitrators’ Symposium, presented by the FMCS & Chicago-Kent College of Law  
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November 4, 2016  Fin(Legal)Tech Conference  
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November 18, 2016  Institute for Law and the Workplace Members’ Conference, by invitation only  
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December 2, 2016  32nd Annual Illinois Public Sector Labor Relations Law Conference  
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