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Join Mark Pearce, Chair of the National Labor Relations Board; Richard F. Griffin, Jr., General Counsel, National Labor Relations Board; and National Labor Relations Board Administrative Law Judge Mark Carissimi for updates on changes that are taking place in Washington DC. Allen Binstock, Regional Director of NLRB Region 8 in Cleveland and Garey Lindsay, Regional Director of Region 9 in Cincinnati will provide regional updates. Hear points of view from expert panelists, including two former NLRB Board members, a former NLRB General Counsel, union and management representatives, as well as office representatives from NLRB Regions 8 and 9.

AGENDA

7:30 Registration/Continental Breakfast

8:25 Welcome and Reports from NLRB Regions 8 & 9 Offices

OSBA Labor and Employment Section Council Welcome
Report from NLRB Region 8
Allen Binstock, Regional Director

Report from NLRB Region 9
Garey Lindsay, Regional Director

9:00 A View from the NLRB General Counsel's Office

Richard F. Griffin Jr., Esq.; General Counsel, National Labor Relations Board; Washington, D.C.

- Union Panelist
Leonard R. Page, Esq.

Former General Counsel National Labor Relations Board and Former Associate General Counsel of the Staff of International Union, UAW, Detroit, MI

- Management Panelist
Peter N. Kirsanow, Esq.; Benesch, Friedlander, Coplan & Aronoff LLP; Cleveland
Former Member of the National Labor Relations Board

10:15 Break

10:30 The Intersection Between the Board and Arbitration/Mediation

Susan E. Fernandez, Esq.; Supervisory Field Attorney, Region 8, National Labor Relations Board; Cleveland

Richard L. Ahearn, Esq.; Rich Ahearn Arbitration; Seattle, WA
Former NLRB Buffalo, Cincinnati, and Seattle Regional Director and Mediator/Arbitrator

Yamini Adkins, Esq.; Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service; Washington, D.C.

11:15 A View from an Administrative Law Judge

Hon. Mark Carissimi; National Labor Relations Board Administrative Law Judge; Washington, D.C.

- Union Panelist
David M. Cook, Esq.; Cook & Logothetis, LLC; Cincinnati

- Management Panelist
Dennis M. Devaney, Esq.; Varnum LLP; Detroit, MI
Former Member of the National Labor Relations Board

- Regional Office Representative
Naïma R. Clarke, Esq.; Supervisory Attorney, Region 9 National Labor Relations Board; Cincinnati

12:15 Break/ Lunch (provided)

12:30 A View from the Chair of the National Labor Relations Board

Mark G. Pearce, Esq.
Chair, National Labor Relations Board; Washington, D.C.

- Union Panelist
Marilyn L. Widman, Esq.; Widman & Franklin LLC; Toledo

- Management Panelist
George S. Crisci, Esq.; CELA; Zashin & Rich; Cleveland

1:45 Applying the NLRA to Employer Handbooks and Other Employer Policies

- Regional Office Representative
Rudra Choudhury, Esq.; Supervisory Attorney, Region 8, National Labor Relations Board; Cleveland

- Management Panelist
Patrick J. Hoban, Esq.; Zashin & Rich; Cleveland

- Union Panelist
Susan L. Gragel, Esq.; Goldstein Gragel LLC; Cleveland

2:15 Break

2:30 Deep Dive into Joint Employer, Independent Contractor and Bargaining Unit Composition Issues

- Regional Office Representative
Zuzana Murarova, Esq.; Field Attorney, Region 9, National Labor Relations Board; Cincinnati

- Management Panelist
William A. Nolan, Esq.; Barnes & Thornburg LLP; Columbus

- Union Panelist
Timothy J. Gallagher, Esq.; Schwarzwald McNair & Fusco LLP; Cleveland

3:30 Hot Topics/Ask the Experts: Other Issues Under the NLRA

- Regional Office Representatives
Eric A. Taylor, Esq.; Supervisory Attorney, Region 9; Cincinnati
Nora McGinley; Supervisory Field Examiner, Region 8; Cleveland

- Management Panelist
Thomas J. Wiencek, Esq.
Associate General Counsel Labor/Employment Litigation; Mercy Health; Cincinnati; Of Counsel, Brouse McDowell; Akron

- Union Representative
Michael J. Hunter, Esq.; Hunter, Carnahan, Shoub, Byard & Harshman; Columbus

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