

## 38th Annual Robert Fuchs Labor Law Conference

# Employee Rights In the Obama Era

*Thursday, October 20, 2011, 1-5:30 p.m.  
Suffolk University Law School, Boston, MA*



### ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

Highlighting the 38th Annual Fuchs Conference are Acting General Counsel Life Solomon and Solicitor of Labor M. Patricia Smith. Both federal officials look forward to presenting an in-depth discussion of their agencies' policies and initiatives with the bar and the public. Focusing on opportunities for reform at these agencies and the impact of agency policies on practitioners is our panel of lawyers and academics joined by Solicitor Smith and Acting General Counsel Solomon. Don't miss this exclusive opportunity to meet with your colleagues, program faculty, and the leaders of the labor and employment bar.



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## AGENDA

### 1:00 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

*Rosemary Pye, Regional Director, National Labor Relations Board*

### 1:10 KEYNOTE ADDRESS: *Lafe Solomon, Acting General Counsel, National Labor Relations Board*

### 2:00 INTRODUCTIONS

*Michael Felsen, Regional Solicitor, U.S. Department of Labor*

### 2:05 KEYNOTE ADDRESS: *M. Patricia Smith, Solicitor of Labor*

### 2:45 PRESENTATION OF ROBERT FUCHS AWARD

### 2:50 NETWORKING BREAK

### 3:10 REGULATING LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS IN THE 21ST CENTURY—IS NEW DEAL LEGISLATION STILL UP TO THE JOB?

- ◆ How well suited to 21st century labor relations conditions are the National Labor Relations Act, the Fair Labor Standards Act, and other core legislative programs?
- ◆ What are the major problem areas—in doctrine and especially in administrative agency policy—affecting practitioners and the parties?
- ◆ Absent significant action by Congress, what are the opportunities for the NLRB and the DOL to reform and modernize labor and employment law in response to the problems of the 21st century?
- ◆ What changes of direction have occurred and are likely to occur under the Obama Board and DOL?

### Moderator

*Karl Klare, Matthews Distinguished University Professor, Northeastern University School of Law*

### Panelists

*Cynthia Estlund, Catherine A. Rein Professor, New York University School of Law, member, Obama NLRB transition team*

*Judith Scott, General Counsel, Service Employees International Union, Washington, DC*

*Rachel Muñoz, Morgan, Brown & Joy, LLP, Boston, MA*

### Responses and Commentary

*Lafe Solomon and M. Patricia Smith*

### 4:30 Q & A

### 5:00 NETWORKING RECEPTION

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