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Office of Compliance Board of Directors Chair Names Peter Eveleth as the Office's Third General Counsel

Washington, D.C. – Susan S. Robfogel, Chair of the Board of Director's of the Office of Compliance, today announced her appointment of Peter A. Eveleth to serve as the agency's third General Counsel. The non-partisan General Counsel of the Office of Compliance is chiefly responsible for enforcement of applicable labor relations and occupational safety and health laws in Congress and on Capitol Hill. Eveleth replaces Gary Green, whose five year term expired in December of 2002.

“Peter Eveleth is a scrupulously fair, non-partisan ‘lawyer’s lawyer,’” said Ms. Robfogel. “We at the Office of Compliance are excited to have an individual of Peter’s caliber as our next General Counsel and look forward to introducing Peter to Congress and the other agencies and employee organizations on Capitol Hill.”

Eveleth has been Senior Special Counsel to the General Counsel of the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) since 1994. In that capacity, he has served as advisor to NLRB management, principally with respect to internal labor and employment relations matters. He has litigated a broad array of workplace matters, including contract grievance arbitration; adverse actions before the Merit Systems Protection Board (MSPB); unfair labor practice complaints before the Federal Labor Relations Authority (FLRA); and discrimination and retaliation complaints before the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) and the Federal Courts. He was also instrumental in NLRB efforts to develop and implement alternative dispute resolution practices, serving as the agency's designated Dispute Resolution Specialist.

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Prior to 1994, Eveleth was Of Counsel to the Washington Office of Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer, and Feld where he practiced the full range of labor and employment law. He advised clients concerning matters arising under the National Labor Relations Act; the Railway Labor Act; the Americans with Disabilities Act; the Age Discrimination in Employment Act; Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act; Occupational Safety and Health Act; and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. He served as trial counsel in representation proceedings before the National Mediation Board and the NLRB. Earlier in his career, Eveleth was Assistant General Counsel for the NLRB's Contempt Litigation Branch responsible for assuring nationwide compliance with court-enforced orders of that agency. He has also taught equal employment opportunity law at Georgetown University School of Law.

Eveleth is a graduate of Cornell University's School of Industrial and Labor Relations (special studies honors program). He later earned a Juris Doctor (cum laude) from the University of Pennsylvania Law School. He is admitted to practice in New York and the District of Columbia.

Ms. Robfogel offered a special thanks to Senior Office of Compliance Staff Counsel Cheryl Polydor, the acting General Counsel. "Ms. Polydor has been invaluable during this transition period, and we look forward to her continued service with the Office of Compliance."

Eveleth is expected to assume his duties for a five year, non-renewable term in May.

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