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**Experience:**

**Visiting Assistant Professor-Hofstra Law School**

**Duties:**

Teach: Labor Law, Employment Law, Collective Bargaining, Advanced Topics in Labor Law; Co-Advisor to the Hofstra Labor & Employment Journal

**Regional Director for the National Labor Relations Board, Region 2, Manhattan - 2011 to 2017.**

**Duties:**

Began working for the NLRB in 1977; promoted to Supervisory Attorney in 1985; Promoted to Regional Attorney in 1988; appointment as Regional Director in 2011.

As Regional Director, managed the Manhattan Regional Office with a staff of over 60 employees; issued numerous representation decisions and resolved high profile labor disputes in NYC. Spoke at numerous conferences on labor law and conducted many outreach programs for the public.

As Regional Attorney, supervised staff of over 25 attorneys involving hundreds of trials and settlements, many involving significant labor disputes. Successfully conducted hundreds of settlement negotiations with both management and labor counsel. Selected as National Instructor at Agency wide training conferences. Taught trial training, law on secondary boycotts and advanced trial practices.

**Memberships:**

Admitted to Practice in Second Department of New York State  
Admitted to U.S. District Courts - Southern & Eastern Districts of NY  
Member of the American Bar Association

Executive Member of the Labor & Employment Law Section, NYS Bar  
Member of Advisory Board of Cornell Institute of Labor Relations  
Member of the Long Island Chapter of Labor Employment Relations  
Association (LERA)

**Awards and Leadership:**

Promoted to rank of Senior Executive Service (SES) based upon leadership skills as Regional Director; received numerous commendations for outstanding performance throughout career at NLRB.

June, 2015 -Selected as Honorary Fellow of the College of Labor and Employment Lawyers based on long and distinguished career in the practice of labor and employment law and demonstration of the highest professional and ethical standards and outstanding leadership throughout career.

**Speaking Engagements:**

Frequent Speaker for numerous professional organizations presenting on current topics related to labor and employment law including such organizations as:

American Bar Association

NYS Bar Association, Labor & Employment Law Section

NYC Bar Association

Cornell Institute of Labor Relations

Practicing Law Institute

American Conference Institute

LERA (both NYC and Long Island Chapters)

Hofstra Law Symposium

Hofstra Labor Studies Program

**EDUCATION:**

Graduate of St. John's Law School, 1977

Honorary Member of St. John's Law Review

Graduate of S.U.N.Y. at Albany, N.Y. – 1973

B.A. Degree – Major in American History