



HR and Benefits Update



Nomination of Phyllis Borzi as Assistant Secretary of Labor for the Employment Benefits Security Administration Unanimously Confirmed

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On Friday (July 10, 2009), the U.S. Senate unanimously confirmed the nomination of attorney Phyllis Borzi as Assistant Secretary of Labor for the Employee Benefits Security Administration.

Highly respected by both union and non-union employee benefit plan practitioners and leaders, Ms. Borzi brings to her position an extensive resume of employee benefit experience including extensive governmental and private practice experience. Her private practice employee benefit experience has encompassed extensive representation of union and other employee benefit plans, their sponsors, fiduciaries and others.

In addition to her extensive private sector experience, Ms. Borzi also has extensive Congressional and other governmental experience. Until January 1995, Ms. Borzi served as pension and employee benefit counsel for the U.S. House of Representatives, Subcommittee on Labor-Management Relations of the Committee on Education and Labor. She was on the Committee staff for 16 years.

In 1993, in connection with the Presidential Task Force on Health Care Reform, chaired by former First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, Ms. Borzi served on working groups dealing with insurance reform, workers' compensation and employer coverage. She holds a Master of Arts degree in English from Syracuse University and received her law degree from Catholic University Law School, where she was editor-in-chief of the law review.

Ms. Borzi is a charter member and a former President of the American College of Employee Benefit Counsel. She served as a member of its Board of Governors from 2000-2008. Ms. Borzi has served as a member of the Advisory Board of the BNA Pension & Benefits Reporter (and a former co-chair of the Board) and a former member of the Advisory Committee of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

Ms. Borzi has also served on the Advisory Board of the Pension Research Council, The Wharton School, The University of Pennsylvania and a member of the Board of the Women's Institute for a Secure Retirement (WISER).

In 2008, Ms. Borzi was appointed by the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio to serve as a public member of the Administrative Committee for the Goodyear VEBA, an entity that was judicially established pursuant to a negotiated settlement agreement between the company, the Steelworkers and class representatives for the Steelworkers retirees.

Ms. Borzi has published numerous articles on ERISA, health care law and policy and retirement security issues and is a frequent speaker on programs sponsored by legal, professional, business, consumer and state and local governmental organizations.

An active member of the American Bar Association throughout her career, Ms. Borzi surrenders her post as chair of the ABA's Joint Committee on Employee Benefits (representing the Health Law Section).

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Curran Tomko Tarski LLP Labor & Employment Practice Group Chair, Cynthia Marcotte Stamer, and other members of Curran Tomko Tarski LLP has extensive experience advising employer and other plan sponsors, benefit plans and their fiduciaries about a diverse range of domestic and international health and managed care, pension, deferred compensation and other ERISA and employee benefit and employment compliance, administration, operational and public policy matters. A member of the Joint Committee on Employee Benefits (representing the Real Property, Trusts and Estates Section), Ms. Stamer is the current Vice-Chair and 2009-2010 Chair Elect of the RPTE Employee Benefits and Compensation Committee.

If your organization needs assistance with employee benefits and ERISA, compensation, managed care or other labor and employment, compensation or benefit concerns or regulations, please contact Ms. Stamer [here](#) or at (214) 270-2402; or your favorite Curran Tomko Tarski LLP attorney. For additional information about the experience and services of Ms. Stamer and other members of the Curran Tomko Tarski LLP team, see [here](#).

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