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**J. MICHAEL LIGHTNER NAMED REGIONAL DIRECTOR  
OF NLRB'S NEWARK, NJ REGIONAL OFFICE**

J. Michael Lightner has been appointed Regional Director of the National Labor Relations Board's Regional Office in Newark, NJ (Region 22). Mr. Lightner succeeds Gary T. Kendellen, who retired in May 2007.

A career NLRB employee, Mr. Lightner has been serving since October 1987 as the Regional Attorney in the Newark Office. In his new position, Mr. Lightner will supervise the handling of NLRB cases arising in the northern and central portions of New Jersey.

The NLRB administers and enforces the National Labor Relations Act. It conducts secret-ballot elections to determine whether employees desire union representation and investigates and remedies unfair labor practices.

In announcing the appointment, NLRB Chairman Robert J. Battista and General Counsel Ronald Meisburg stated:

We are confident that Mike Lightner's excellent legal skills and considerable experience with the Agency and the labor management community will enable him to carry on Newark's tradition of effective enforcement of the Act. His thoughtful demeanor, organizational skills and concern for ethical enforcement of the law, as well as his active involvement in the New Jersey labor and employment law community will serve him well as he continues the tradition of excellence in the Newark Regional Office.

A native of Fort Worth, TX, Mr. Lightner earned his B.A. degree from Lafayette College in 1972 and his JD degree, *cum laude*, from the Seton Hall University School of Law in 1978. He has served all but one year of his NLRB career in the Newark Regional Office, starting in 1973 as a Field Examiner. He was promoted to the position of Supervisory Examiner in 1978, then to Supervisory Attorney in 1981, and became the Regional Attorney for the Manhattan Regional Office (Region 2) in 1986. Mr. Lightner returned to the Newark Office in 1987 as Regional Attorney. He is a member of the Executive Committee of the Labor and Employment Law Section of the New Jersey State Bar Association and a co-chair of its NLRB Practice and Procedure Committee. Mr. Lightner is a founding member, Master of the Bench, and former Executive Director of the Sidney Reitman Labor and Employment Law American Inn of Court; the only American Inn of Court to specialize in labor and employment law. In 1998, he received a Hammer Award from former Vice-President Al Gore for his work on the Agency's Impact Analysis Task Force and in 2000 was one of the first Agency employees selected by the ABA Labor and Employment Law Section as a Government Fellow for that Section.

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