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**MARIA BALZANO IS APPOINTED REGIONAL ATTORNEY  
IN NLRB'S NEWARK, NJ REGIONAL OFFICE**

National Labor Relations Board's General Counsel Ronald Meisburg announced the appointment of career attorney Maria Balzano as Regional Attorney in the Agency's Newark, NJ Regional Office (Region 22). In her new position, Ms. Balzano will be responsible for the supervision of legal work in cases arising under the National Labor Relations Act in Region 22, which services the northern and central portions of New Jersey.

The NLRB investigates and remedies unfair labor practices and conducts secret-ballot elections to determine whether employees desire union representation.

Commenting on the appointment, General Counsel Meisburg stated:

In over 35 years of service with the Agency, Maria Balzano has demonstrated her dedication to the enforcement of the Act. She is a hard-working, skilled and experienced litigator who cares deeply about the mission of the Agency. In her various positions over the years, she has contributed greatly to Region 22's excellent performance. As Regional Attorney, she will ensure that the Region's high quality of work continues.

A native of Cuba, Ms. Balzano began her career with the NLRB in 1972 as a Field Examiner in Region 22. She became a Field Attorney in 1979 after having received her J.D. degree from Seton Hall University School of Law. She was promoted to Supervisory Attorney in 1989 and Deputy Regional Attorney in 1999.

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