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## **President Biden Announces Intent to Nominate Suzanne Elizabeth Summerlin for FLRA General Counsel**

President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. has [announced his intent](#) to nominate Suzanne Elizabeth Summerlin to be General Counsel of the Federal Labor Relations Authority (FLRA).

Summerlin currently serves as Deputy General Counsel and Deputy Executive Director for the Federal Education Association, representing educators who serve United States military families stateside and overseas. Previously, she served as Associate General Counsel for the National Federation of Federal Employees, the federal sector affiliate of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, and was a Peggy Browning Fund Fellow at the American Federation of Government Employees within the AFL-CIO.

Summerlin has extensive experience in federal sector labor law, advocating for a wide range of civilian employees at more than thirty agencies, including U.S. Forest Service wildland firefighters, Department of State passport processors, General Services Administration contract administrators, Veterans Administration medical professionals, Transportation Security Administration security screeners, and Army Corps of Engineers employees. In her work, Summerlin has litigated cases in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia. She has also negotiated collective bargaining agreements on behalf of doctors and nurses at the Department of Veterans Affairs, and educators serving in Europe and Asia with the Department of Defense Education Activity.

Prior to beginning her legal career, Summerlin was an award-winning broadcast journalist, working as a television news producer and documentary film producer. Summerlin earned her undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Florida.

For more information on the General Counsel's office, [click here](#).

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