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William B. Cowen Appointed Acting General Counsel of the National Labor Relations Board



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Today, effective immediately, William B. Cowen was appointed Acting General Counsel of the National Labor Relations Board. Prior to today's appointment, Mr. Cowen served as Regional Director in the Agency's Los Angeles Regional Office (Region 21) since 2016.

Mr. Cowen began his NLRB career in 1979 and served in various capacities throughout the Agency at both Headquarters and in the field until he left to enter private practice in 1985. Mr. Cowen was later appointed by President George W. Bush to serve as a Board Member from January 22, 2002 to November 22, 2002. He then served as Executive Assistant (Chief of Staff) to NLRB Chairman Robert J. Battista. From 2006 to 2016, Mr. Cowen served as the Board's Solicitor. Mr. Cowen holds a B.A. degree in Mathematics from Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, OH, a Masters of Theological Studies degree from Wesley Theological Seminary, and his J.D. degree from Cleveland-Marshall College of Law - Cleveland State University.

He was also founder and owner of Institutional Labor Advisors, LLC, a consulting firm that provides business and compliance services, particularly to clients in the mining industry. The firm assists with acquisitions and operational matters.