



Legal Alert: Update – President Announces Recess Appointment of Craig Becker to NLRB

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On March 27, 2010, President Obama announced the recess appointment of Craig Becker to the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB). Becker's appointment will last until the end of 2011 when the Senate finishes its next term. President Obama also recess- appointed Democrat Mark Pearce to the Board. Pearce was a partner at a union-side law firm in Buffalo, New York. With the recess appointments, the NLRB now consists of 3 Democrats and 1 Republican.

The business community is concerned that, with Becker's appointment, the Board will alter existing processes to make it easier for unions to organize. For more information regarding Becker's background and the concerns raised by his appointment, please see our prior Legal Alert, *EFCA by Fiat? What a Becker Confirmation Could Mean for Employers*, located on our web site at <http://www.fordharrison.com/shownews.aspx?show=5829>.

We will keep you updated of any changes the Board makes. If you have any questions regarding this Alert or other labor or employment related issues, please contact the Ford & Harrison attorney with whom you usually work or the author of this Alert, Don Lee, dlee@fordharrison.com.