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## Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission

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### **PATRICK K. NAKAMURA APPOINTED TO THE COMMISSION**

The Senate has confirmed the appointment of Patrick K. Nakamura to be a member of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission for a term of six years, expiring August 30, 2016.

Mr. Nakamura has practiced law in Birmingham, Alabama for over 30 years. As senior partner in the firm of Nakamura, Quinn, Walls, Weaver & Davies, he has represented clients in both civil and administrative labor, employment and health and safety litigation in federal and state courts and agencies including the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission, National Labor Relations Board and the U.S. Department of Labor. His work in the area of mine health and safety began over 20 years ago. In the intervening years he has also represented Taft-Hartley benefit trusts and individuals in black lung and workers' compensation litigation. Prior to entering private practice in 1983, Mr. Nakamura spent four years providing legal services to indigent clients in south Alabama. Mr. Nakamura holds a B.A. degree from the University of California at Berkeley and a J.D. degree from the Georgetown University Law Center.

The Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission is an independent adjudicative agency that provides administrative trial and appellate review of disputes arising under the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977, as amended.

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