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Senior Executives Association Announces New Of-Counsel Legal Advisory Team

Washington, D.C. — The Senior Executives Association (SEA) is pleased to announce the addition of Tamia Gordon, Adele Rapport, and Mary Kate Whalen as its new Of-Counsel legal advisory team, further strengthening the Association's ability to support senior federal executives navigating complex legal, ethical, and workplace challenges.

Each of the new Of-Counsel members brings decades of distinguished federal service and nationally recognized expertise in federal employment law, civil rights enforcement, ethics, national security, and executive leadership. Collectively, they represent deep institutional knowledge across the executive branch and a shared commitment to protecting the integrity and effectiveness of the career federal executive corps.

"SEA's members are facing an increasingly complex and high-stakes operating environment," said Marcus Hill, President of the Senior Executives Association. "Tamia Gordon, Adele Rapport, and Mary Kate Whalen bring extraordinary experience, sound judgment, and a deep understanding of federal service. Their counsel will be invaluable as SEA continues to advocate for a strong, professional, and nonpartisan senior executive workforce."

Tamia Gordon most recently served as Chief Operating Officer of the U.S. Department of Energy's Loan Programs Office. A former U.S. Marine Corps Officer and Judge Advocate, she has held senior leadership and judicial roles across multiple federal agencies and currently serves as an adjunct professor at Tulane University's Freeman School of Business.

Adele Rapport is a nationally recognized civil rights leader and litigator with more than four decades of experience enforcing the nation's anti-discrimination laws. She served in senior leadership roles at the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights and the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

Mary Kate Whalen joins SEA following her retirement from the Transportation Security Administration, where she served as Acting Chief Counsel and Principal Deputy Chief Counsel. Over a 26-year federal career, including 17 years in the Senior Executive Service, she advised Cabinet-level officials and senior administration leadership and is a recipient of the Presidential Meritorious Rank Award.

SEA is grateful for the expertise, leadership, and commitment to public service that Ms. Gordon, Ms. Rapport, and Ms. Whalen bring to the Association and looks forward to their contributions in support of SEA's mission.

About the Senior Executives Association

The Senior Executives Association (SEA) is a professional association representing Senior Executive Service members and other career federal executives. Founded in 1980, SEA's goals are to improve the efficiency, effectiveness, and productivity of the federal government; to advance the professionalism and advocate the interests of career federal executives; and to enhance public recognition of their contributions. For more information, visit www.seniorexecs.org.

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