

Jennifer A. Abruzzo (Jennifer.abruzzo@nlr.gov) serves as General Counsel at the [National Labor Relations Board](#) (NLRB) and was previously Special Counsel for Strategic Initiatives for [Communications Workers of America](#) (CWA). She had previously worked for the NLRB for over 20 years in a number of positions, including Deputy General Counsel and Acting General Counsel President [Joe Biden](#) nominated Ms. Abruzzo to become the General Counsel of the NLRB on February 17, 2021 after firing the previous General Counsel, [Peter B. Robb](#). She is only the second woman to ever serve as NLRB general counsel, after Rosemary Collyer. The confirmation of Abruzzo received support from unions, and through several policy initiatives she worked to improve the investigative and enforcement capacity of NLRB. As general counsel Abruzzo issued a number of memos including one declaring that [college athletes](#) have the right to organize.^[14] She has pushed for the NLRB to protect immigrants' rights to organize, regardless of their immigration status.^[3] In October 2021, Abruzzo stated that employees who participated in [Black Lives Matter protests](#) were protected under federal labor law.^[15] The success of the [Amazon Labor Union](#) organizing drive at the company's JFK8 facility in [Staten Island, New York](#) has been attributed in part to Abruzzo's leadership at the NLRB.^[16] Through speaking engagements, cooperative agreements with other federal agencies and the active use of social media, Ms. Abruzzo has greatly enhanced public awareness of the rights of workers under the National Labor Relations Act.