Sharing the same Founder, a common mission and mutual goals, the National Employment Lawyers Association (NELA) and Workplace Fairness (WF) joined forces five years ago to advance employee rights and workplace fairness. With the commitment and support of NELA and its members, Workplace Fairness has developed an award-winning web site and other resources that have helped hundreds of thousands of workers. All of us at NELA and WF are proud of our collective contributions to workers' rights, and it is with great excitement that we announce a new future for both organizations.

Although NELA and WF share common goals, we will now fulfill our missions as separate and independent organizations. This new direction will enable NELA and WF to maintain our distinct, well-respected programs and services while affording us new opportunities to realize our goals. WF will continue to expand and attract even broader support for its critically important work on behalf of America's workers. NELA will enhance its advocacy initiatives on behalf of workers and the lawyers who represent them by heightening its presence in Washington DC.

The National Employment Lawyers Association takes great pride in its role during WF's formative years. Workplace Fairness is equally grateful to NELA and its members for helping WF to realize its potential. NELA and WF are extremely appreciative of the hundreds of people who have contributed to the success of both organizations over the years. We hope those of you who have supported NELA and WF in the past will continue to do so in the future in our independent capacities.

As NELA and WF chart separate courses in our quest to advance employee rights and fairness in the workplace, we hope you will join us on this new journey. We will continue to keep you abreast of our activities through our respective web sites, e-newsletters, e-mails, and publications. We look forward to working with you in fulfilling America's promise of justice and fairness in the workplace.

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