



David Lopez, General Counsel, U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission to Speak at Ward and Smith, P.A. Asheville Seminar

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Ward and Smith, P.A. announced today that David Lopez, General Counsel, U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, will be the keynote speaker at an Employment Law Symposium to be held on Friday, October 7 at the Renaissance Asheville. His presentation is titled EEOC's Top Ten Litigation Developments and will cover the trends and enforcement priorities within the EEOC, including ADA accommodations, LGBTQ rights, and discrimination.

Lopez was nominated twice by President Barack Obama and confirmed by the Senate in 2010 and 2014. Lopez is the first EEOC field trial attorney to be appointed as the agency's General Counsel. He has served at the Commission in various capacities for the past 25 years, including as Supervisory Trial Attorney in the Phoenix District Office and Special Assistant to then Chairman Gilbert F. Casellas. As General Counsel, Lopez runs the Commission's litigation program, overseeing the agency's 15 Regional Attorneys and a staff of more than 325 lawyers and legal professionals who conduct or support Commission litigation in district and appellate courts across the country. During his tenure, Lopez has cultivated "one national law enforcement agency," encouraging the EEOC's litigators nationwide to operate more collaboratively and cohesively with each other and other internal partners.

The morning symposium, hosted by Ward and Smith, will feature several speakers in addition to Lopez on a variety of current labor and employment topics. Continuing education credit will be available for attorneys and licensed human resource professionals. For additional information about the seminar, contact Jennifer Ritter-Tomasik at jlr@wardandsmith.com.