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**IRVING GOTTSCHALK NAMED REGIONAL DIRECTOR
OF NLRB'S MILWAUKEE, WI REGIONAL OFFICE**

Irving E. Gottschalk has been appointed Regional Director of the National Labor Relations Board's Regional Office in Milwaukee, WI (Region 30). Mr. Gottschalk succeeds Director Philip E. Bloedorn, who retired in July 2003.

A career NLRB employee, Mr. Gottschalk has been serving since July 2003 as Acting Regional Director and, since 1997, as Assistant to the Regional Director in the Milwaukee Office. In his new position, Mr. Gottschalk will supervise the handling of NLRB cases arising in the north central, central, southern and eastern portions of Wisconsin and most of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

The NLRB administers and enforces the National Labor Relations Act. It conducts secret-ballot elections to determine whether employees desire union representation and investigates and remedies unfair labor practices.

In announcing the appointment, NLRB Chairman Robert J. Battista and General Counsel Ronald Meisburg stated:

Irv Gottschalk brings to this position substantial expertise that will enable him to carry on Milwaukee's tradition of innovative leadership and effective enforcement of the Act. His thoughtful demeanor, organizational skills and concern for ethical enforcement of the law will serve him well as he continues the tradition of excellence in the Milwaukee Regional Office.

A native of Chicago, IL, Mr. Gottschalk earned his B.A. degree from San Diego State University in 1972, and his Master's degree from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee in 1974. He has served his entire NLRB career in the Milwaukee Regional Office, starting in 1976 as a Field Examiner. He was promoted to the position of Compliance Supervisor in 1991, and became the Assistant to the Regional Director in 1997. Mr. Gottschalk also served as National President of the National Labor Relations Board Union from 1985 to 1987. He has taught labor relations courses at Alverno College and is a regular guest speaker at the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee's Master's program in Human Resources and Labor Relations. He also is active in the Wisconsin Chapter of the Labor and Employment Relations Association.

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