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Attorney Phyllis Borzi Nominated to Head Employee Benefits Security Administration

Excerpt: "Until January 1995, [Phyllis] Borzi served as pension and employee benefit counsel for the U.S. House of Representatives, Subcommittee on Labor-Management Relations of the Committee on Education and Labor. She was on the Committee staff for 16 years. . . . Borzi has published numerous articles on ERISA, health care law and policy and retirement security issues and is a frequent speaker on programs sponsored by legal, professional, business, consumer and state and local governmental organizations. An active member of the American Bar Association, Borzi is the current chair of the ABA's Joint Committee on Employee Benefits"

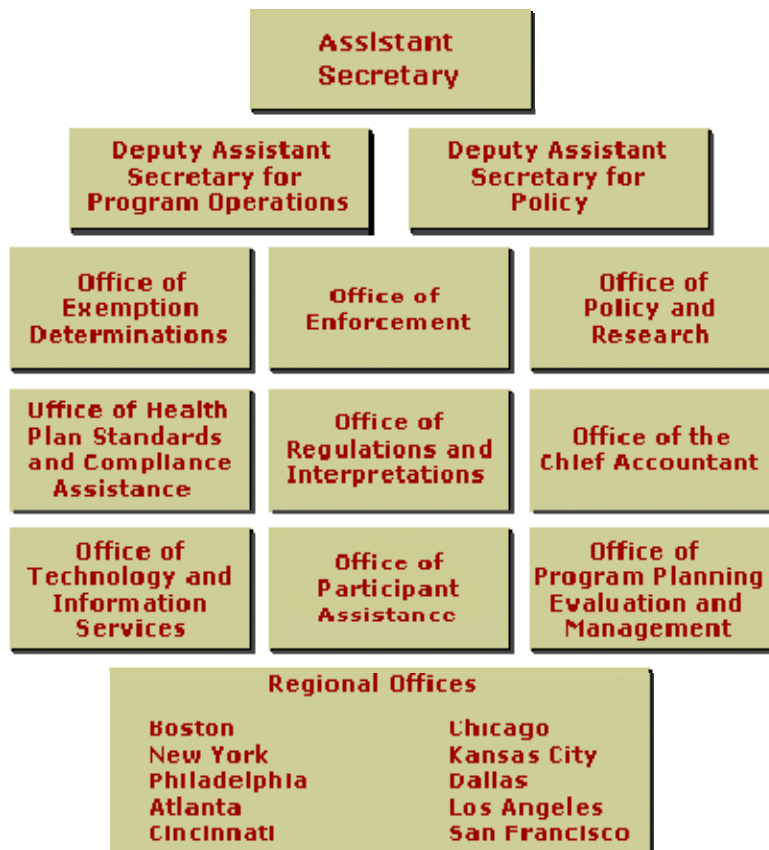
ERISA laws will be definately enforced by this new ERISA Chief.....

ERISA appeals and practice will mean more than ever before....

The **Employee Benefits Security Administration** (EBSA) is an agency of the [United States Department of Labor](#) responsible for administering the provisions of the [Employee Retirement Income Security Act](#) of 1974 (ERISA). At the time of its name change in February 2003, EBSA was known as the [Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration](#) (PWBA). Prior to January 1986, PWBA was known as the [Pension and Welfare Benefits Program](#).

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From her earliest job as a high school English teacher to the 16 years she spent as counsel to the House subcommittee on Labor-Management Relations, Professor Borzi's career has focused on issues that directly impact the lives of others. She helped write federal legislation that enabled workers to maintain their health insurance when they lost or changed jobs, and that protected the pensions of spouses whose partners died before reaching retirement age. On the Hill, and as a member of First Lady Hillary Clinton's Presidential Task Force on Health Care Reform, Professor Borzi has been especially interested in improving access to health care coverage.



Professor Borzi joined the School's faculty in 1994, after Congress changed hands and her staff job was eliminated. "In an academic research setting, I saw a way to marry public policy and teaching, two things that are of utmost importance to me," she says. "I continue to work on high-level policy issues that are important to everyday Americans while helping to train the next generation of public health professionals to work on the frontlines." Professor Borzi is involved in developing a graduate-level certificate in health care corporate compliance at the School, which combines distance learning and two intensive on-campus residencies. She also continues to practice law, working of counsel to the Washington law firm O'Donoghue & O'Donoghue, where she provides legal guidance on health, pension and other employer-sponsored benefits plans. In 2004, Professor Borzi won the HERO Award from the Women's Institute for a Secure Retirement for her efforts to assist low and middle-income women to prepare financially for retirement.

Education

Bachelor of Arts, English, Ladycliff College, 1968
Master of Arts, English, Syracuse University, 1970
Juris Doctor, Catholic University Law School, 1978

Teaching

PubH 293-Managed Care, Department of Health Policy

Research

In her early years at the School, Professor Borzi focused her research on the contours of the arrangements between the states and commercial managed care companies to cover Medicaid enrollees. More recently, she has concentrated on access to health insurance, developing proposals to broaden coverage for children and for home health care workers, and on the legal issues surrounding the use of personal health information and electronic medical records.

Community Service

Professor Borzi is a member of the Board of Trustees for the Women's Institute for a Secure Retirement and is currently President of the American College of Employee Benefits Counsel, where she is also a charter fellow and serves on the Board of Governors. She works actively with a number of other professional associations and is often asked to provide technical assistance to Congressional committees and federal agencies on employer-sponsored benefit plans.

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