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**Wednesday, June 16, 2021  
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## **First Annual DC LERA Labor Law Forum: Legal Issues Affecting Non-Standard and Excluded Workers**

Join DC LERA for its first annual Labor Law Forum featuring leading scholars and practitioners **Mark Gaston Pearce** of the *Georgetown Law School Workers' Rights Institute*, **Tonia Novitz** of the *University of Bristol Centre for Law at Work* (UK), and **Matt Ginsburg** of the *AFL-CIO* for a discussion of legal issues affecting non-standard and gig economy workers under U.S. and English law, recent union organizing campaigns in the U.S. platform economy, and using university procurement to improve workplace safety and equity.



**Mark Gaston Pearce** is a visiting professor and executive director of the Georgetown University Law Center, Workers' Rights Institute. He is also a panel labor arbitrator and mediator for AAA and FMCS. Formerly a two term Board Member and Chairman of the National Labor Relations Board, Mark previously taught at Cornell University's School of Industrial and Labor Relations. He is a graduate of Cornell University and State University of New York at Buffalo Law School. He has 40 plus years of experience in the practice in labor and employment law. His extensive experience includes private sector practice and many years of public service with the NLRB and as a governor appointed Board member on the New York State Industrial Board of Appeals. Among other honors, Mark was named a Champion of Workplace Justice by the Employment Justice Center of Washington, D.C. and placed on the National Employment Law Project Honor Roll. He has spoken at numerous forums on current developments at the National Labor Relations Board and recently appeared on NPR's Planet Money broadcast to discuss union protests, first amendment and inflatable rats.

**Tonia Novitz** is Professor of Labour Law at the University of Bristol Centre for Law at Work. A graduate of the University of Canterbury (Christchurch, New Zealand) and Balliol College, Oxford, she has held fellowships at the International Institute for Labour Studies (Geneva), the European University Institute (Florence), the University of Melbourne and the University of Auckland. She is currently chair of the steering committee of the international Labour Law Research Network (LLRN), a UK representative on the advisory board of International Lawyers Assisting Workers (ILAW), and a Vice President of the UK Institute of Employment Rights. Her research interests encompass labour rights, collective labour voice, international and EU trade, sustainability and migration. She has written with colleagues, Katie Bales and Alan Bogg, on "Voice" and "Choice" in Modern Working Practices: Problems with the Taylor Review' 47 *Industrial Law Journal* 46 – 75 (2018); and was more recently a co-editor of a special issue of the *King's Law Journal* on 'Gig Work', vol. 31(2) (2020).





**Matt Ginsburg** is Associate General Counsel at the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO), where he represents the Federation and its affiliate unions in cases of importance in the federal courts of appeals, by filing amicus briefs in the U.S. Supreme Court, and in other forums; advises officers and staff on key and emerging legal policy issues including labor law reform, worker misclassification and the gig economy, and the rights of immigrant workers; provides training for union-side labor lawyers through the

AFL-CIO Union Lawyers Alliance; and supervises the AFL-CIO's internal dispute resolution program, among other responsibilities. Prior to joining the AFL-CIO, Matt was an attorney at Cornfield & Feldman, a union-side labor law firm in Chicago, Illinois, and, prior to that, he was a Skadden Fellow and staff attorney at the Chicago Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, where he litigated employment cases on behalf of low-wage and immigrant workers and provided training on workplace legal issues for Chicago-area worker centers. Matt clerked for Judge Diane P. Wood of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. He is a magna cum laude graduate of the New York University School of Law, where he was a Root-Tilden-Kern Scholar and a member of the Order of the Coif. Matt was a union organizer for several years prior to becoming a lawyer.

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