



The 1968 Memphis Sanitation Strike Its Place in Labor Law

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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

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