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People on the Move

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Brian Newell has been named Republican press secretary for the House Education and Labor Committee. He was a deputy press secretary and writer for the House Republican Conference. Before that, Newell was a legislative assistant on the Republican staff of the House Ways and Means Committee.

Newell succeeds Ryan Murphy, who was recently hired as communications director for the Republican Study Committee.

Raul Perea-Henze was confirmed as assistant secretary of policy and planning at the Department of Veterans Affairs. He previously worked as a senior executive in global health policy and medical operations for Merck and Co. and Pfizer. During the Clinton administration, Perea-Henze served as deputy assistant secretary of Commerce for management and budget, and as a senior health care adviser in the White House. He was also a management consultant with the Growth Strategy Group International Inc.

Six new members have been confirmed to the board of directors of the Legal Services Corporation:

Sharon L. Browne is a principal attorney in Pacific Legal Foundation's individual rights practice group. She serves on the California advisory committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

Charles Norman Wiltse Keckler is a professor at Pennsylvania State University's law school. He has served as deputy assistant secretary for policy at the Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families.

Victor B. Maddox is a partner at Fultz Maddox Hovious & Dickens PLC in Kentucky. He has served as a trial attorney in commercial litigation at the Justice Department and as counsel for the Senate Judiciary Committee, under Mitch McConnell, R-Ky.

Robert J. Grey is a former president of the American Bar Association who works with the firm of Hunton & Williams LLP.

John G. Levi is a partner in the Chicago office of Sidley Austin LLP. He serves on the advisory board for the Northwestern University Law School Center on Wrongful Convictions.

Martha L. Minow serves as dean of Harvard Law School, where she has taught for 30 years. She began her career as a law clerk to former Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall.

Ernest Reith has been appointed associate executive assistant director of the FBI's Science and Technology Branch. He managed research and development efforts at the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency. Before that, Reith served at NGA as science adviser for spectral research and advanced geospatial intelligence, director of the Full Spectrum Office, and chief of the Advanced Systems Division. He began his career as a regional analyst at the Defense Mapping Agency.

Renee Courtland has been hired as a director at the Jefferson Consulting Group, a lobbying firm, starting in early April. She has been a vice president at the lobbying firm Dutko Worldwide. Before that, Courtland was a procurement analyst and special assistant to the administrator of the Office of Federal Procurement Policy in the White House Office of Management and Budget. She was also a special assistant to the chief of staff to the administrator of the General Services Administration. Courtland is a member of the Energy Department's Small Business Advisory Council.

Thomas L. Farmer has been named assistant vice president for security at the Association of American Railroads, effective April 5. He was acting general manager of mass transit for the Transportation Security Administration. Farmer previously served as a judge advocate in the Air Force.

Christopher S. Brown has been hired as director of digital strategy at Quinn Gillespie & Associates, a lobbying and public relations firm. He was previously the director of new media for the Fox television show "America's Most Wanted." Before that, he worked for KRON-TV in San Francisco. Brown served as the 2009 co-chairman for new media and professional development at the National Press Club.

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