

JOHN D. UELMEN

BIOGRAPHY



John D. Uelmen is the General Counsel of the Office of Congressional Workplace Rights. He has been a practicing attorney specializing in labor and employment law for over forty years. In December 2015, the OCWR Board of Directors appointed him to his first five-year term as the General Counsel. In December 2020, he was reappointed for another five-year term.

Mr. Uelmen joined OCWR in 2009 and previously held the positions of Acting General Counsel, Deputy General Counsel, and Supervising Attorney. Under the Congressional Accountability Act, the OCWR General Counsel has specific responsibilities relating to collective bargaining and unionization. He is responsible for investigating and prosecuting unfair labor practice charges. In addition, when directed to do so by the OCWR Board of Directors, the General Counsel investigates collective bargaining and unionization issues raised by petitions to the Board.

Along with a team of attorneys and inspectors who conduct comprehensive inspections of Capitol Hill buildings and grounds, Mr. Uelmen also enforces compliance with health, safety, and ADA public access laws incorporated into the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 (CAA).

Before joining the Office in April 2009, Mr. Uelmen prosecuted labor and employment law cases before administrative tribunals, trial courts, and courts of appeal for more than twenty years in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Mr. Uelmen received his bachelor's degree with honors from the University of Wisconsin at Madison and graduated cum laude from the University of Wisconsin Law School.