

The Honorable Douglas L. Parker served as Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health during the Biden Administration. Before leading OSHA, he was chief of California's Division of Occupational Safety and Health, and served in the Obama Administration as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy at the Mine Safety and Health Administration. In those roles he closely tracked emerging technology trends from the perspective of a regulator, an enforcer of OSHA and MSHA standards, and a promoter of best practices to reduce worker injury and illness.

Mr. Parker was first exposed to occupational health and safety issues as a rank-and-file employee in the manufacturing and warehousing sectors. Those experiences deeply informed his professional path. He became an attorney representing workers in coal mining, transportation, warehousing, and health care. Mr. Parker also served as Executive Director of Worksafe, an Oakland, California-based legal aid organization committed to protecting low-wage workers from injury, illness, and exploitation.

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