



Pat Cleary

President & CEO, National Association of Professional Employer Organizations (NAPEO)

Biography

NAPEO is the voice of the professional employer organization (PEO) Industry. PEOs provide payroll, benefits, regulatory compliance assistance, and other HR services to small and mid-sized companies. NAPEO advocates for the interests of PEOs at all levels of government, and provides robust member resources, vital networking and referrals, relevant and timely education, and effective public relations and marketing support. Pat has been the President and CEO of NAPEO since December 2011. Prior to joining NAPEO, Pat was at Fleishman-Hillard, where he served as the Senior Vice President of Digital Public Affairs in their Washington, D.C. office. Prior to that, Pat held a series of senior policy, public affairs, and communications posts at the National Association of Manufacturers. Pat also served as Member and Chair of the National Mediation Board, the federal agency that governs labor relations in the airline and rail industries and was the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy at the U.S. Department of Labor.

Educational Background

Pat earned his bachelor's degree in political science from Fairfield University and went on to earn his Juris Doctorate from Mitchel Hamline School of Law. Pat also successfully completed the Program for Senior Managers in Government from Harvard University's Harvard Kennedy School and the Executive Development Program from The University of Pennsylvania Wharton School of Business.