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WTU Files Case On Behalf of Teachers

Ensures Due Process for D.C. Teachers and Other Government Employees

WASHINGTON, D.C. (November 1, 2011) – The Washington Teachers’ Union (WTU) filed a writ of mandamus with the D.C. Court of Appeals this morning challenging the District of Columbia’s due process for D.C. teachers and other government employees.

The District of Columbia’s Office of Employee Appeals (OEA) administers the Comprehensive Merit Personnel Act of 1978 by adjudicating employee appeals and rendering impartial decisions with sound legal reasoning. OEA is mandated by law to issue a decision within 120 business days after the employee files a complete petition of appeal. Unfortunately this is not the reality and many employees have waited in upwards of three years.

“The Office of Employee Appeals is a failing institution,” said Nathan Saunders, president of the Washington Teachers’ Union. “The office is underfunded, under-staffed and plagued with egregious delays. We’re going to challenge the city on this and hold them responsible for providing due process to the District’s 40,000 employees, inclusive of more than 4,200 teachers.”

Any individuals or organizations seeking to file an amicus curiae brief in support of this litigation can contact Veronica Jackson of Joseph, Greenwald & Laake P.A. at 240-553-1187 for more information.

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The Washington Teachers’ Union (WTU) is the exclusive collective bargaining agent for the 5000 active and retired teachers in Washington, D.C. WTU serves, leads and advocates in support of teachers, students and parents on education, labor and social justice issues. Learn more at www.wtulocal6.net