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RRB Management Member Appoints Monica Deoras as Attorney-Adviser

Monica Deoras has been appointed as an attorney-advisor to the Management Member of the U.S. Railroad Retirement Board (RRB), Thomas Jayne. In this role, she will advise and counsel on a variety of financial, management, and legal issues affecting the RRB's benefits and programs. Her appointment was effective February 9.

Prior to her appointment, Ms. Deoras was the Senior Counsel for Nuclear, Security & Environmental at the Bechtel Corporation for three years. In this capacity, she worked on business and project development involving nuclear plants in the Czech Republic, Bulgaria, Sweden, the United Kingdom, as well as the United States. She was also involved in key support activities for the Terrapower Sodium advanced-reactor project.

Before working for Bechtel, Ms. Deoras was Assistant General Counsel at True Commerce, a private equity firm specializing in cloud computing applications, for 11 months, and more than 12 years at Westinghouse Electric Company. At Westinghouse, she served in a Senior Counsel capacity for about 9 years, working on various domestic and international projects dealing with nuclear energy. She then spent her last 3 years at the company as Assistant General Counsel, serving as lead attorney for global compliance issues.

Earlier in her legal career, she served as general counsel for two information technology firms, worked as an associate at international law firm Reed Smith LLP, and served as a judicial clerk for two Pennsylvania state court judges.

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Ms. Deoras earned a Master of Laws degree from Chicago-Kent College of Law and her Juris Doctor from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law. Her undergraduate degree was a Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance from the University of Texas. She has also served as an adjunct instructor at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law, and is currently a board member for the Western Pennsylvania Chapter of the Association of Corporate Counsel.

She replaces Erin Brandenburg, who left the RRB after almost 2 years to accept a position with the Judicial Conference of the United States.

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An independent federal agency headquartered in Chicago, the RRB pays more than \$14.6 billion a year in benefits under the federal Railroad Retirement and Railroad Unemployment Insurance Acts covering the nation's railroad workers and their families.