

M. Patricia Smith
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Biography

M. Patricia Smith is the chief legal advisor to the Secretary of Labor, and directs an office of over 500 attorneys across the country. From January to April 2014 she was the Acting Deputy Secretary of Labor. As Solicitor, she has a broad portfolio of over 180 laws.

Prior to becoming the Solicitor of Labor, Ms. Smith was the New York State Commissioner of Labor for three years. Prior to serving as Commissioner of Labor, she served in the Labor Bureau in the Office of the New York State Attorney General for 20 year including eight years as its' chief. Before joining the Office of the Attorney General, Solicitor Smith worked for various Legal Services Organizations including spending 9 years as litigation director and chief Employment Attorney for the Legal Services Organization of Indiana.

She graduated, cum laude, from Trinity College in Washington, D.C. in 1974 and from New York University School of Law, with honors, in 1977.