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SECRETARY OF LABOR APPOINTS AL CARDENAS TO NATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR LABOR PROVISIONS OF U.S. FREE TRADE AGREEMENTS

MIAMI, FL (Nov. 5th, 2008) – Al Cardenas has been appointed by the United States Department of Labor Secretary, Elaine L. Chao, to serve on the National Advisory Committee for Labor Provisions of Free Trade Agreements (NAC). Cardenas, a partner at the law firm of [Tew Cardenas LLP](#), will serve a two-year term as a representative member of the general public.

The National Advisory Committee is made up of 12 members, including four members from the labor community, four from the business community, and four from the general public.

The committees' objective is to provide suggestions to the Secretary of Labor through the Bureau of International Labor Affairs concerning the implementation of the North American Agreement on Labor Cooperation (NAALC) and the labor provisions of the United States free trade agreements with Chile, Singapore, Australia, Morocco, Bahrain and CAFTA-DR (an agreement between five Central American Countries and the Dominican Republic).

The committee may also offer advice on other issues within the scope of the NAALC and the labor provisions of the U.S. free trade agreements.

“Bi-lateral labor agreements and free trade are among the most compelling issues facing today’s global economy,” said Cardenas. “I am proud to have been invited to help provide insight on how the U.S. government can further relationships with its trading partners.”

A partner at the law firm of [Tew Cardenas LLP](#), Cardenas chairs the firms Advocacy and Government Affairs Group in its Miami, Tallahassee, and Washington, D.C. offices.

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He has been named one of Washington, D.C.'s top lobbyists by *The Hill* newspaper for the past four years and selected by his peers for inclusion in *Best Lawyers in America* from 2007-2009. Cardenas has been active in republican politics for nearly three decades and is a member of the Board of Trustees for Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (FAMU) and a national board member of the American Conservative Union. Cardenas received his law degree from Seton Hall University where he was a member of the *Seton Hall Law Review*.

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