

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL

MEMORANDUM GC 94-4

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TO : All Regional Directors, Officers-in-Charge,
and Resident Officers

FROM : Fred Feinstein
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SUBJECT: Authority for Press Releases

One of my principal objectives as General Counsel is to promote greater awareness of provisions of the statute we administer, which should contribute to greater compliance. One way of achieving this goal is to make the public more aware of the actions taken by the Regional Offices to enforce the law. Although many actions such as complaints, settlements or elections may not have significance on a national level, they clearly are important to the parties and, on a local level, are often newsworthy.

Accordingly, Regional Directors have the authority, in the exercise of their sound discretion, to issue press releases describing Regional casehandling activity of significance. You are also authorized to speak with the press by telephone, but our experience has demonstrated that a written press release is of real assistance in ensuring that the news item or radio/TV segment is accurate as possible. Memorandum OM 91-98 is rescinded.

Please be sure to fax copies of any press releases issued, including Section 10(j) injunction cases, to the Division of Information and Operations-Management so that they can deal with the national media, or answer questions that are addressed to them. Also, please consult with your Assistant General Counsel when issuing press releases in cases with national significance. Finally, I request that in all releases you give credit to the Regional Office staff members who are principally assigned to the cases described, such as trial counsel or the chief settlement negotiator responsible for the result achieved.

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