

NLG Labor & Employment Committee Breakfast

AFL-CIO LEC



**Fairmont Chicago
Regent Room, 3rd Fl
Millennium Park
May 23, 2012
6:50 am**

Occupy Labor Law - What Labor Can Learn

The relationship between Occupy Wall Street and Occupy Movements across the country and organized labor was complicated at first. There was the initial tension, occupy thought labor was going to co-opt them. Occupy turned down support from political parties as well. Labor said "we just want to make their message louder" and the forces were joined.

What lessons can labor learn from the street actions of OWS? Can labor become more aggressive in their messaging and activity? Can labor return to the days of non-violent civil disobedience? Should they? Will Constitutional arguments regarding speech and assembly be the new "weapons" of labor?

Meeting Details:

- The 2012 annual **NLG L&EC Breakfast** will take place from **6:50 to 8 a.m.** on **Wednesday, May 23** at the **Fairmont Chicago Millennium Park**, in the **Regent Room** on the third floor.
- This breakfast is free for members of the L&EC and \$30 for non-members (the cost of the breakfast at the hotel is \$43). No one will be turned away for lack of funds. **Please RSVP to fschreiberg@kazanlaw.com or (510) 302-1071.**

Speakers:

- **Steven Ashby** is a full Clinical Professor and Coordinator of the Global Labor Studies Program at the School of Labor and Employment Relations, University of Illinois - Chicago Campus.
- **Scott Marshall** is a political activist and Vice Chair of the Communist Party USA and is chair of its Labor Commission. Scott is part of the Labor Working Group for Occupy Chicago and was a member of the United Steelworkers from 1971 to 1982. He is District 7 coordinator of SOAR (Steelworkers Organization of Active Retirees).

Commentators:

- **Joan Hill**, Attorney and Labor Educator with the United Steelworkers International, is the lead Occupy attorney in *City of Murfreesboro (TN) v. Occupy Murfreesboro*.
- **Glen Downey**, Attorney with Healey & Hornack, PC, is counsel for Occupy Pittsburgh.

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