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Biography:

Since August 2021, Ms. Alexa Rukstele serves as the Chief, Labor Management and Employee Relations (LMER) Division for the Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA). DoDEA operates 160 accredited schools serving over 70,000 children of active-duty military and DoD civilian families in 11 foreign countries, seven states, Guam, and Puerto Rico. As the Chief, LMER, she leads a worldwide team of senior Human Resources Specialists who provide employee relations support and advisory services to approximately 15,000 employees appointed under Titles 5, 10, and 20. Ms. Rukstele also oversees all labor relations functions with six unions representing seven professional and non-professional bargaining units. From 2016-2021, she served as an Associate General Counsel and the Deputy General Counsel in the Labor and Litigation Branch of the DoDEA Office of General Counsel.

Prior to joining DoDEA, Ms. Rukstele served as Deputy Chief Counsel for the Honorable Ernest W. DuBester at the Federal Labor Relations Authority. She began her legal career at the National Treasury Employees Union where she spent seven years as an Assistant Counsel in the Negotiations Department and Washington, D.C. Field Office, respectively.

Ms. Rukstele received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from the University of Michigan and her Juris Doctorate from the Syracuse University College of Law.

