



United States Merit Systems Protection Board

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MSPB SENIOR EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS ANNOUNCED

Susan Tsui Grundmann, Chairman of the U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board (MSPB), announced her appointments on November 30, 2009, of **Steven V. Lenkart** as the new Executive Director and Chief of Staff for the MSPB, and on January 4, 2010, of **James M. Eisenmann** as the new General Counsel.

Steve Lenkart comes to the MSPB after serving as the Acting Deputy Under Secretary of Homeland Security for Science and Technology, and formerly, the Chief of Staff and Director of Operations for the Office of Health Affairs at the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Before joining DHS, Mr. Lenkart was a homeland security advisor and senior staff member to the U.S. Congress. He also served as a national spokesperson and chief representative to the Executive and Legislative branches on behalf of several national and international organizations, and represented Federal employees on advisory committees at the U.S. Department of Defense and at the U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

Prior to joining the MSPB, Jim Eisenmann represented employees in the Federal and private sectors, with special emphasis on representing Federal employees in cases involving discrimination, disciplinary and adverse actions, and whistleblower allegations. He is the author of several articles involving Federal employee rights, and is a co-author of the book entitled, Federal Employees Legal Survival Guide. Mr. Eisenmann is a graduate of West Virginia University and received his law degree from the Catholic University of American Law School.

Chairman Grundmann welcomed them to the MSPB. "I am delighted to have Steve and Jim join the MSPB team. I am confident that their broad experience will further enhance the Board's reputation for excellence in the area of Federal personnel law."

The U.S. Merit System Protection Board is an independent, non-partisan quasi-adjudicatory agency with responsibility for deciding Federal employee appeals from management action taken against them and for protecting the integrity of the civil service and other Federal merit systems. The MSPB also conducts studies of the civil service and other merit systems in the Executive Branch.