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MSPB RELEASES FY 2018 ANNUAL REPORT

Today, the U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board (MSPB) releases its Annual Report for Fiscal Year (FY) 2018.

The most significant issue facing MSPB is the lack of a quorum that began on January 8, 2017, which prevents MSPB from issuing decisions on petitions for review (PFRs) and other cases at headquarters, and from issuing reports of merit systems studies. Therefore, the FY 2018 Annual Report does not contain case processing statistics for headquarters cases (except for actions taken on requests for stays). Nor does the Report contain summaries of significant Board decisions or of merit systems study reports because none were issued in FY 2018.

The FY 2018 Annual Report does contain summaries of significant opinions issued by our reviewing courts, case processing data for initial appeals and summaries of other merit systems activity including articles posted on MSPB's website. This Report also contains a review of current OPM issues, and summaries of MSPB's congressional, legislative, international, and outreach activities, and citations to our work.

Despite the lack of quorum, MSPB continues to further its critical mission during this time of significant transition. MSPB's administrative judges continue to adjudicate initial appeals and issue decisions in those cases. MSPB continues to receive PFRs and draft recommended decisions in those cases. MSPB's Office of Policy and Evaluation continues to conduct research on the merit systems, and draft new reports for new Board members to review and approve once a quorum is restored. MSPB's executive, financial, and administrative operations also continue to function.

The MSPB Annual Report for FY 2018 is available on MSPB's webpage at <https://www.mspb.gov>.

The U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board (MSPB) is an independent, quasi-judicial agency whose mission is to protect the Merit System Principles and promote an effective Federal workforce free of Prohibited Personnel Practices.