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MSPB RELEASES FY 2019 ANNUAL REPORT

Today, the U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board (MSPB) released its Annual Report for Fiscal Year (FY) 2019.

The most significant issue affecting MSPB again this year is the lack of quorum that began three years ago this month, and the lack of any Board members since March 1, 2019. Once again, the FY 2019 Annual Report does not contain case processing statistics for headquarters cases (except for actions taken on requests for stays from the Office of Special Counsel). The Report also does not contain summaries of significant Board decisions or of official merit systems study reports because none were issued in FY 2019.

However, the FY 2019 Annual Report does contain summaries of significant opinions issued by our reviewing courts, case processing data for initial appeals, and summaries of merit systems studies activity, including articles posted on MSPB's website. The Report also contains a review of the significant actions of the Office of Personnel Management, and summaries of MSPB's congressional, legislative, international, and outreach activities, including citations to our important work.

Despite the continued lack of quorum, MSPB continues to further its mission during this time unprecedented time in its history. MSPB's administrative judges continue to adjudicate initial appeals and issue decisions in those cases. The agency continues to receive petitions for review and draft recommended decisions in those cases. MSPB's Office of Policy and Evaluation continues to conduct research on the merit systems, and has drafted a new research agenda that will be reviewed for approval once a quorum is restored. MSPB's executive, financial, and administrative operations also continue to function as usual.

The MSPB Annual Report for FY 2019 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.

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