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## **Chairman Neil A. G. McPhie to Moderate Town Hall Session at the Federal Circuit Bar Association's Bench & Bar Conference**

As part of its 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Bench & Bar Conference, the Federal Circuit Bar Association (FCBA) has asked MSPB Chairman Neil A. G. McPhie to moderate one of its Town Hall dialogue sessions. The FCBA is a national organization for the bar of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit and was organized to unite the different groups who practice before the court.

At the conference on June 19, Chairman McPhie will moderate an interactive discussion entitled "Access to Justice for Pro Se Litigants in Appeals from MSPB Decisions." The panel will discuss issues that arise in adjudicating cases involving pro se litigants. It also will discuss the FCBA's pro bono programs for veterans and government personnel.

Joining Chairman McPhie on the discussion panel are Ron Weiss, MSPB Administrative Judge; Blair Taylor of Covington & Burling LLP; Dan Graham of Wiley Rein LLP, (chairman of the FCBA's Veterans Committee); and Henry Su of Howrey LLP, (chairman of the FCBA's Pro Bono Committee). At the plenary session beginning on June 20th, Chairman McPhie will report on the Town Hall session.

The FCBA conference culminates a year-long exploration of appellate advocacy and the implications of change in the Federal Government for Circuit community subject matters. The Town Hall sessions are designed to probe further into topics raised in the 2008 Bench and Bar Town Halls, and explore new areas of interest. More information on the FCBA conference, which is being held at the Greenbrier in White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia, may be found at <http://www.fedcirbar.org/olc/pub/LVFC/cpages/homepage/homepage.jsp>

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