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**MERIT SYSTEMS PROTECTION BOARD (MSPB) MEMBERS  
MEET WITH FEDERAL AGENCY AND APPELLANT REPRESENTATIVES**

On April 20 and April 22, 2010, the MSPB Board Members continued a series of outreach discussions with representatives of stakeholder organizations. The Board Members held their first meeting in March with representatives of Federal-sector labor unions.

At the April 20 meeting, hosted by the Federal Employee Lawyers Group (FELG), over 50 attorneys representing 20 Federal agencies, met with Chairman Susan Tsui Grundmann, Vice Chairman Anne M. Wagner, and Member Mary M. Rose. FELG attorneys represent Federal agencies in cases before the MSPB.

At the April 22 meeting, hosted by the Metropolitan Washington Employment Lawyers Association (MWELA), the Board Members met with approximately 40 attorneys. MWELA consists of local employment lawyers who represent individual appellants before the MSPB.

Chairman Grundmann described MSPB's Open Government efforts, including requesting amicus briefs and using oral argument for cases with broad impact. Vice Chairman Wagner explained how cases move through the adjudication process at the Board level. Member Rose commented on the MSPB studies program. A question and answer session followed.

Chairman Grundmann stated, "I believe we have provided our stakeholders with a better understanding of how the MSPB operates. In exchange, we learned what their concerns and suggestions are for improving our processes."

The U.S. Merit System Protection Board (MSPB) is an independent, quasi-judicial agency that protects Federal merit systems and the rights of individuals within those systems. The MSPB also conducts studies of the civil service and other merit systems in the Executive Branch.