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THE MERIT SYSTEMS PROTECTION BOARD (MSPB) WELCOMES DENNIS WALSH, NEW CHAIRMAN OF THE SPECIAL PANEL ON APPEALS

On January 20, 2010, President Barack Obama nominated Dennis P. Walsh to serve a six-year term as Chairman of the Special Panel on Appeals. The US Senate voted to confirm his nomination on June 22, 2010. MSPB Chairman, Susan Tsui Grundmann administered the oath of office to Mr. Walsh on July 29, 2010.

Mr. Walsh currently is serving as the Deputy General Counsel at the Federal Labor relations Authority. President Obama is the third President to nominate Mr. Walsh for a Federal appointment. He served as a Member of the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) on three occasions: January 2006 to December 2007, under a recess appointment by President Bush; December 2002 to December 2004, after being nominated by President Bush and confirmed by the Senate; and, December 2000 to December 2001, under a recess appointment by President Clinton. From December 2007 to December 2009, Mr. Walsh served as a Special Assistant in the Division of Enforcement of the NLRB and a Deputy Assistant General Counsel in the NLRB General Counsel's Division of Operations. He is a 1983 cum laude graduate of Cornell Law School, where he was an editor of the Law Review, and a 1976 summa cum laude graduate of Hamilton College.



**Chairman Dennis P. Walsh,
Special Panel on Appeals**

The Special Panel on Appeals was created by Civil Service Reform Act of 1978. The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) and the MSPB share jurisdiction over "mixed" cases that involve both merit systems and anti-discrimination principles. In the event that the EEOC and MSPB cannot agree on the outcome of an appeal case, the Panel meets to resolve these issues. As Chairman of the Special Panel on Appeals, Mr. Walsh is responsible for convening the Panel, comprised of himself, a Member of the MSPB and a Member of the EEOC, to resolve the conflict and decide the case.

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.

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