

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR VETERANS CLAIMS

CEREMONIAL MISC. ORDER No. 02-25

IN RE: THE RETIREMENT OF CARY SKLAR

Before ALLEN, *Chief Judge*, and PIETSCH, BARTLEY, GREENBERG, MEREDITH, TOTH, FALVEY, LAURER, and JAQUITH, *Judges*, and KRAMER, HOLDAWAY, GREENE, KASOLD, HAGEL, MOORMAN, LANCE, DAVIS, and SCHOELEN, *Senior Judges*.

ORDER

Before the Court is the matter of the retirement of Cary Sklar, General Counsel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims.

Since joining the Court in June 2005, Mr. Sklar has served as the Court's legal advisor on a wide variety of issues, including ethics questions, conflicts of interest and recusals, limits on Court employees' political activities, and misconduct and disciplinary complaints. He has also provided valuable legal counsel on employment and contract matters, was instrumental in drafting and revising various Court policies, and was always available to field legal inquiries from Court employees and practitioners alike. During his twenty-year tenure at the Court, Mr. Sklar oversaw the growth of the General Counsel's Office and his attentive guidance ensured that the Court's Judges and employees consistently received timely and well-reasoned legal advice.

Prior to coming to the Court, Mr. Sklar worked at the U.S. Office of Special Counsel (OSC), first as Senior Advisor to the Special Counsel and then as Associate Special Counsel for Investigation and Prosecution. Among his accomplishments at OSC, he was responsible for supervising a team of twenty investigators and attorneys in resolving federal employee complaints of whistleblower retaliation and violations under the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act. He supervised OSC's Equal Employment Opportunity Program and established and directed OSC's Mediation Program. Mr. Sklar previously served as Associate General Counsel at the National Treasury Employees Union, where he supervised attorneys in federal and state trial and appellate litigation of employment, contract, constitutional, and civil rights matters. Mr. Sklar earned his Juris Doctor from Georgetown University Law school and his undergraduate degree from Cornell University.

Mr. Sklar was a frequent and enthusiastic volunteer and presenter at Court conferences and educational events. He also organized and led ethics training for law clerks and staff joining the Court, and served as the Court's liaison to the Veterans Consortium Pro Bono Program. He taught for many years at Bowie State University—including classes on Alternative Dispute Resolution, Labor Relations, and Business Law—and served for five years as a pro bono divorce mediator in D.C. Superior Court.

Mr. Sklar's contributions over the past two decades, to both the Court and the veterans law community at large, are commendable. Upon consideration of the foregoing, and as he departs to enjoy retirement, it is

ORDERED that Cary Sklar will take with him our admiration and gratitude for the years of outstanding service he rendered to the Court, our admiration for his many accomplishments, the warmth of our continued friendship, and our very best wishes.

DATED: July 10, 2025

PER CURIAM.