

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR VETERANS CLAIMS

CEREMONIAL MISC. No. 01-21

IN RE: THE MATTER OF THE RETIREMENT OF KAREN E. MEYERS

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

ORDER

Before the Court is the matter of the retirement of Karen E. Meyers, whose reliability and commitment to helping others have marked her distinguished career. Ms. Meyers arrived at the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims in April 1991. From that first day and for the 30 years that followed, Ms. Meyers provided exemplary service, first as an Appeals Processing Clerk and for the last 14 years as a Lead Appeals Processing Clerk. During her tenure at the Court, Ms. Meyers demonstrated talent and skills in many areas, serving the Court and its Judges with loyalty and professionalism.

As an Appeals Processing Clerk, both during the time of paper files through implementation and evolution of the Case Management/Electronic Case Filing (CM/ECF) system, Ms. Meyers enhanced the flow of filings in cases assigned to her while ensuring that pleadings conformed to the Court's Rules of Practice and Procedure. She also single-handedly covered the Public Office closing section for many years, including writing the first standard operating procedure in that section. Ms. Meyers proved exceptionally valuable to the conversion team when the Court phased from its earlier electronic recordkeeping system (Quill) to CM/ECF: Her explanation of the Court's closing processes to the individuals designing the software allowed the creation of an electronic operation tailored to the Court's precise needs.

As a Lead Appeals Processing Clerk, Ms. Meyers handled hundreds of inquiries each week from veterans and family members questioning the status of their cases. In addition, she reviewed the electronic entries of the Appeals Processing Clerks to ensure their accuracy. She expertly moved cases within the CM/ECF system between the Clerk's Office and chambers, always maintaining conformity and accountability for the thousands of active cases at the Court. She was an invaluable asset in this role because of her keen eye for detail and her knowledge of and experience with how the Court functions. Ms. Meyers always pitched in whenever necessary to help others with their work and consistently made time to volunteer at the Court's Judicial Conferences and other ceremonial or special events.

Karen E. Meyers holds the unique distinction as the first person to retire from government service after spending their entire government career at the Court. She is an invaluable employee whose loyalty and public-spirited service are evident to all who interacted with her and she will be keenly missed.

Upon consideration of the foregoing, and as she departs to enjoy retirement, it is

ORDERED that Karen E. Meyers take with her our gratitude for the many years of outstanding service she has rendered to the Court, our admiration for her many accomplishments, the warmth of our continued friendship, and our very best wishes.

DATED: April 30, 2021

PER CURIAM.