

# UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR VETERANS CLAIMS

CEREMONIAL MISC. NO. 05-21

IN RE: THE MATTER OF THE RETIREMENT OF SHERRY M. TOBE-WILLIAMS

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 Sherry M. Tobe-Williams, one of the longest serving employees of the Court. Ms. Tobe-Williams was hired on a temporary basis in 1992 as a data clerk to transfer information from paper docket sheets into QUILL, the Court's new computer system. Quickly proving herself, Ms. Tobe-Williams was soon offered a permanent position. She served in the Public Office for 15 years, first as an Appeals Processing Clerk and then as the Court's first Lead Processing Clerk. The case processing procedures she established and then enhanced during that time were instrumental in streamlining the work of the Public Office and many of her innovations remain in place to this day.

In 2007, Ms. Tobe-Williams was again promoted and hired as Confidential Assistant to Judge Robert Davis. She served in that position until Judge Davis became Chief Judge, at which time she was promoted to Administrative Assistant to the Chief Judge. As Judge Davis prepared for retirement and Judge Joseph Falvey joined the Court, Ms. Tobe-Williams wore multiple hats for well over a year, working for both judges simultaneously. Since December 2019 she has served as Confidential Assistant to Judge Falvey.

Ms. Tobe-Williams' admirable service began well before her arrival at the Court, and she retires with over 39-and-a-half years of federal service. At 15 years old she worked for the DC Government Summer Youth Employment Program and was honored, at that young age, for her service with an award for outstanding work performance. While in high school she continued her service as a Student Aide at the Department of Commerce, honing her office skills and learning to interact with working professionals. From 1982 to 1985 she served in the Internal Revenue Service Appeals Office as a Records Case Reviewer and then from 1985 until 1991 she worked as a Legal Technician at the Court of Military Appeals.

Ms. Tobe-Williams is known across the Veterans Court as conscientious, efficient, and hard-working. She is a problem solver and knows the Court's processes and the history of those processes more than almost anyone. She is sought out for her knowledge of internal Court operations as often as for her good humor and sage advice. Her loyalty, professionalism, reliability, and commitment to helping others will be deeply missed.

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

ORDERED that Sherry M. Tobe-Williams 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: December 30, 2021

PER CURIAM.