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Deborah M. Miron Takes the Helm of the Federal Circuit Bar Association®
As the Organization’s First Female Executive Director on July 1, 2020

WASHINGTON, DC (May 21, 2020) – The Federal Circuit Bar Association® (FCBA) is pleased to announce that Deborah M. Miron, Esquire, has joined the organization as its first female Executive Director.

Ms. Miron brings to the FCBA a wealth of legal and managerial experience through a long, distinguished career as judge, executive, litigator, and dedicated public servant for the United States Government. From 2002-2020, she served as Director of Regional Operations and Chief Administrative Judge of the United States Merit Systems Protection Board (MSPB), whose primary reviewing court is the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. In that capacity, she had legal and supervisory oversight of the agency’s regional offices, where more than 60 Administrative Judges are charged with hearing and issuing decisions in over 5,000 federal employment appeals each year. She also coordinated the agency’s Mediation Appeals Program. She was appointed a member of the Advisory Council for the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

“The Federal Circuit’s jurisprudence affects increasingly critical components of our economy and our society. The Court’s decisions profoundly impact invention and innovation, domestic and international commerce, and in large measure, establish a standard for how fairly the Federal Government treats its citizens,” said Ms. Miron. “As the significance and impact of the Federal Circuit’s jurisprudence to our society has grown, so too has the importance of the Court and its bar. The FCBA stands in a unique position to highlight the Court’s place at the intersection of these disciplines, and to unite the various stakeholders in the Federal Circuit community,” she continued.
“Deborah's visionary leadership will elevate the Association to even greater heights. It is especially satisfying to welcome her to the role of Executive Director, as the Circuit community moves boldly into the days ahead,” noted retiring Executive Director James E. Brookshire, who has provided exceptional leadership since 2003.

Previously, Ms. Miron served as Deputy Assistant General Counsel (Manpower and Reserve Affairs) for the Department of the Navy, where she was a senior legal advisor on military and civilian personnel issues in the Pentagon, and supervised 19 legal offices in the United States, Europe, and the Middle East. She held prior positions of increasing supervisory responsibility within the Department, and was appointed Counsel to the Standing Committee on Opportunities for Military and Civilian Women in the Navy.

Earlier in her career, Ms. Miron was a civil trial litigator in federal and local courts on behalf of the District of Columbia, supervisory attorney of a law students in court program, and attorney for the United States Commission on Civil Rights. She received her B.A. magna cum laude from the State University of New York at Buffalo, where she was elected to Phi Beta Kappa, and from which she also received her J.D. She was a Senior Executive Fellow at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, and selected as a member of the Senior Executive Service of the United States of America.

Ms. Miron is the recipient of numerous awards including MSPB's highest honor, the Theodore Roosevelt Award. She received the U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia’s Justice for Victims of Crime Award, presented to her by former United States Attorney General Eric Holder, for extraordinary assistance to her employee who was the victim of stalking and violent assault, that enabled the Department of Justice to prosecute the stalker and saved the life of the victim. Ms. Miron was made an Honorary Tailhooker by virtue of having catapulted off a U.S. Navy carrier. She received the Navy Superior Civilian Service Award and twice received the Navy Medal for Meritorious Civilian Service.

Ms. Miron has long been a leader in the Federal Circuit community. As FCBA President (2017-2018), she led the Association in establishing its now signature Mock Argument Program, that gives rising advocates opportunities to hone oral advocacy skills, with feedback from judges and leaders of the bar.

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