

MARK A. ROBBINS, MEMBER AND VICE CHAIRMAN

May 2012 - present; acting Chairman since January 2017



Mark A. Robbins was nominated by President Barack Obama on December 5, 2011 to serve as a Member of the Merit Systems Protection Board for a term of seven years, and was confirmed by the U.S. Senate on April 26, 2012. On January 23, 2017, President Donald Trump designated Mr. Robbins Vice Chairman. Pending re-establishment of a Board quorum, Mr. Robbins will perform the functions vested by Title 5 in the Office of the Chairman.

Mr. Robbins' term ended on March 1, 2018 and he is currently serving in a one-year statutory carryover year.

At the time of his nomination, Mr. Robbins was the General Counsel of the U.S. Election Assistance Commission. He previously served as a Senior Rule of Law Advisor for the State Department in Babil Province, Iraq, where he was awarded the U.S. Army's Commander's Award for Civilian Service. Mr. Robbins also served as Executive Director of the White House Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board between 2006 and 2008 and as General Counsel of the Office of Personnel Management from 2001 to 2006. He worked in private practice as a litigation attorney in Los Angeles, California between 1988 and 2000, and in the White House Office of Presidential Personnel from 1984 to 1988. Mr. Robbins began his career as a Legislative Assistant to two Los Angeles area Members of Congress, covering, among other things, civil service and federal human resources management issues.

Mr. Robbins earned his undergraduate and law degrees from George Washington University. He is a member of the California and District of Columbia bars. In recognition of his extensive professional involvement and continued leadership in public administration, in 2013 Mr. Robbins was elected as a Fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration.