



Department of Veterans Affairs

Senior Executive Biography

Cheryl L. Mason

Chairman of the Board of Veterans' Appeals (Board)

As Chairman of the Board of Veterans' Appeals (Board), Cheryl L. Mason leads a team of more than 950 personnel including Veterans Law Judges, attorneys and administrative professionals to meet the Board's mission of conducting hearings and deciding appeals for Veterans and their families. Ms. Mason is accountable for the efficient and effective management of Board resources and executing a budget in excess of \$100 million. The Board is the final administrative tribunal statutorily charged with deciding appeals arising from Veterans' claims from all three administrations: Veterans Benefits Administration, Veterans Health Administration, and National Cemetery Administration.



Prior to assuming her current role, Ms. Mason served as Interim Principal Deputy Vice Chairman, where she was responsible for legislation, regulation and policy which included working with stakeholders and Congress to gain passage of the Veterans Appeals Improvement and Modernization Act of 2017. In this position, Ms. Mason was also responsible for knowledge management, quality assurance and review, FOIA, and records management. Ms. Mason also served as Deputy Vice Chair, Chief Veterans Law Judge, Veterans Law Judge, and Counsel at the Board as well as an attorney with the Federal Labor Relations Authority and as a Department of the Air Force civilian at HQ United States Air Forces in Europe at Ramstein Air Base, Germany. Ms. Mason also served as a contract attorney investigator for Department of Justice Civil Rights Division specializing in the American with Disabilities Act, a military services paralegal coordinator for Europe, and an instructor at Central Texas College, Kapaun Air Station, Germany. Ms. Mason is the spouse of an Air Force veteran, married to Lieutenant Colonel, USAF (retired), and is the daughter of a World War II Navy Veteran.

Originally from Portsmouth, Ohio, Ms. Mason received her B.A. with Distinction in Political Science and Psychology from Ohio Northern University in 1986 and her J.D. from Creighton University School of Law 1989. Ms. Mason began her legal career in private practice in Omaha, Nebraska.