

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR VETERANS CLAIMS

CEREMONIAL MISC. NO. 01-26

IN RE: THE MATTER OF THE RETIREMENT OF KENNETH ROWLAND

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

**O R D E R**

Before the Court is the matter of the retirement of Kenneth Rowland, whose professionalism, expertise, and unwavering commitment to the Court's administration of justice has marked his distinguished federal career. Before Mr. Rowland became our colleague at the Court, he obtained a bachelor of science degree in management science from Virginia Tech and a master of science degree in government information leadership from the National Defense University. He served in the Architect of the Capitol in various roles from 1991 to 2000, including computer assistant, engineering technician, computer specialist, and supervisor computer specialist.

Kenneth Rowland arrived at the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims in November 2000. From his first day at the Court and for the more than 25 years that followed, Mr. Rowland drew on his mastery of technical and interpersonal skills to serve as the deputy director of information technology.

During his tenure at the Court, Mr. Rowland demonstrated talent and skills in many areas, and he has served the Court and its Judges with loyalty and professionalism. His wide-ranging responsibilities have included leading and supporting the Office of Information Technology (OIT), guaranteeing security for the Court's systems, and providing day-to-day support for the Court's users. Kenneth was instrumental in ensuring a seamless transition from an in-office computer environment to a remote work environment during the 2020 to 2023 pandemic, as well as overseeing OIT's role in the Court's case management modernization. Moreover, he has been a steady hand in OIT ensuring veterans' case information is protected and secure. And in all that he does, Kenneth Rowland leads by example with a rare combination of professionalism, humility, good humor, and remarkable kindness.

Mr. Rowland regularly has been recognized for outstanding performance. Most notably, he was a critical member of the OIT team that received the Frank Q. Nebeker Award for exceptional and exemplary service to the Court. Kenneth Rowland is an invaluable employee whose loyalty and public-spirited service are evident to all who interact with him, and he will be keenly missed.

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

ORDERED that Kenneth Rowland take with him our gratitude for the many years of outstanding service he has rendered to the Court, our admiration for his many accomplishments, the warmth of our continued friendship, and our very best wishes.

DATED: January 14, 2026

PER CURIAM.