

**UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR VETERANS CLAIMS**

MISC. No. 11-19

**IN RE: THE HONORABLE FRANK Q. NEBEKER COURTROOM**

Before DAVIS, *Chief Judge*, and SCHOELEN, PIETSCH, BARTLEY, GREENBERG,  
ALLEN, MEREDITH, TOTH, and FALVEY, *Judges*.

**O R D E R**

On July 25, 1989, the Honorable Frank Q. Nebeker was sworn in as the first Chief Judge of the then newly created United States Court of Veterans Appeals. With a handful of administrative staff, he spent the first several months of his appointment "setting up" the Court. On October 16, 1989, in a ceremony presided over by Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist, Judges Kenneth B. Kramer and John J. Farley, III, were invested as the second and third Judges of the new Court. Chief Judge Nebeker then convened the Court for the first time and commenced its operations.

Chief Judge Nebeker oversaw all facets of creating a new federal court without antecedent. The Court received its first appeal in November 1989, issued its first opinion in December 1989, and heard its first oral argument in February 1990. The Court moved into its current location at 625 Indiana Avenue in November 1990, and in 1999 the Court's name was changed to the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims. As the only Judge of the Court to be appointed as Chief Judge, Judge Nebeker served in that role for eleven years – more than twice as long as any who have followed. Chief Judge Nebeker retired from active service in November 2000. He currently is a Senior Judge of the Court and periodically serves in recall status.

The Court wishes to recognize and honor the dedicated service of this extraordinary jurist and the Court's first Chief Judge. It is therefore fitting that in this, the Court's 30th year, the courtroom of the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims be named The Honorable Frank Q. Nebeker Courtroom.

SO ORDERED.

DATED: August 6, 2019

PER CURIAM.