

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit

Internal Operating Procedures (IOP)

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9. Respect for the tribunals from whose judgments and decisions appeals are taken to this court requires care in referring to those tribunals in our opinions. Reference should not be made to “the court below,” “the lower court,” “the lower tribunal,” or “the judge below.” Reference should be made to, e.g., “the district court,” “the trial court,” “the district judge,” “the trial tribunal,” or “the court.” The presiding officer in MSPB hearings is an “administrative judge.”