



AALJ Declares Deadlock, Bad Faith in Contract Negotiations, Says the Social Security Administration Compromises Public Service

WASHINGTON — June 21, 2019 — The [Association of Administrative Law Judges](#) (AALJ), which represents the Social Security Administration (SSA) Administrative Law Judges (ALJs), regrettably finds itself unable to reach a contract agreement with the SSA.

AALJ President Judge Melissa McIntosh says, “We believe the Social Security Administration is refusing to negotiate in good faith and has failed to put the interests of the American public first. The agency has sought to strip the contract of our ability to ensure the due process rights of the American public.

ALJs ensure the rights of Americans who seek disability benefits. Americans have paid into the system and deserve the time and attention needed to ensure they receive a full and fair hearing.

The agency has proposed to eliminate our ability to advocate for our judicial independence and has even gone so far as to eliminate American flags from future judges’ offices. We are deeply concerned by their aggressive positions that do not serve Americans.”

AALJ represents the majority of all ALJs in the federal sector.

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