

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

KENNETH M. CARPENTER,)	
)	
Petitioner,)	
)	
v.)	Vet. App. No. 16-1133
)	
ROBERT A. MCDONALD,)	
Secretary of Veterans Affairs,)	
)	
Respondent.)	

**SECRETARY’S MOTION FOR A STAY OF PROCEEDINGS PENDING PANEL
DECISION**

Pursuant to U.S. Vet. App. Rules 5 and 27, Respondent, Secretary of Veterans Affairs, respectfully moves this Court for a stay of proceedings pending a decision by the Court in the case of *Chisholm v. McDonald*, Docket Number 15-1594, which was argued on March 2, 2016.

The Secretary’s response to Petitioner’s Writ Petition is due on or before April 21, 2016. Because a precedential ruling or other action taken in the case of *Chisholm* will potentially affect the disposition of the instant case and because a panel decision may not be reached until after the Secretary’s response is due, a stay pending a panel decision in the case of *Chisholm v. McDonald* is requested.

Petitioner is opposed to this motion and will be filing a response.

WHEREFORE, Appellee respectfully moves the Court to stay proceedings in the instant case pending the Court’s decision in *Chisholm v. McDonald*, Docket Number 15-1594.

Respectfully submitted,

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