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Gregory O. Block
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**Re: *Southall-Norman v. McDonald*, No. 15-1357
Supplemental Citation of Authority**

Dear Mr. Block:

Pursuant to Rule 30(b), U. S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, appellant provides the following citation: *Correia v. McDonald*, ___ Vet.App. ___ (13-3238, decided July 5, 2016).

Correia held, “Section 4.59 concerns painful motion of the musculoskeletal system generally . . .” Slip Op. at 8. The Court also recognized “§ 4.59 is one of several regulations that precede the disability rating schedule and provide guidance to adjudicators on how to properly evaluate various musculoskeletal disabilities.” Slip Op. at 13.

In her opening brief, Appellant argued that the Board erred when it failed to consider 38 C.F.R. § 4.59 (2015) in denying her a compensable rating for her hallux valgus and pes planus, which were rated under 4.71a (2016), diagnostic codes 5276 and 5280, as she had pain on physical activity, and pain on manipulation. Apa. Open Brief at 6-10. The Secretary argued that the Board did not err as section 4.59 does not apply to diagnostic codes that do not consider range of motion testing. Sec. Brief at 7-11.

Very truly yours,

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