

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

JAMES W. LEWIS, JR.,)	
)	
Appellant,)	
)	
v.)	Vet. App. No. 15-3097
)	
ROBERT A. MCDONALD,)	
Secretary of Veterans Affairs,)	
)	
Appellee.)	

**APPELLEE'S UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR A 45-DAY EXTENSION OF
TIME, UNTIL SEPTEMBER 8, 2016, IN WHICH TO FILE A
RESPONSE TO APPELLANT'S BRIEF**

Pursuant to U.S. Vet. App. R. 26(b), 27(a), and 45(g)(4), Appellee, Robert A. McDonald, Secretary of Veterans Affairs, respectfully moves this Court for an extension of time, until September 8, 2016, in which to file a response to Appellant's brief. If not for this motion, the Secretary's response would be due no later than July 25, 2016.

Additional time is required for Appellee to respond to Appellant's principal brief. Time spent on other cases during the past month, including screening cases, preparing for and/or participating in Court conferences, and drafting and/or filing briefs and remand motions necessitates this motion. The undersigned counsel was also out of the office on leave for several days during the past month. Therefore, additional time is necessary to complete Appellee's response to Appellant's brief.

Appellant has been granted 90 days of extensions in this case. The Secretary has not been granted any extensions for this action or in the case thus far.

Appellant is unopposed to this motion.

WHEREFORE, in light of these circumstances, Appellee, Robert A. McDonald, Secretary of Veterans Affairs, respectfully moves the Court for an extension of time, until September 8, 2016, in which to file a response to Appellant's brief.

Respectfully submitted,

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