

**UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR VETERANS CLAIMS**  
**625 Indiana Avenue, NW Suite 900**  
**Washington, DC 20004-2950**

**NOTICE OF NONCONFORMING DOCUMENTS**

DOCKET No: 20-449

MERRILETTA HAYES,

APPELLANT,

v.

DENIS McDONOUGH,  
SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS,

APPELLEE.

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**To the Appellant:** The notice of appearance that you sent to the Court has been received but not filed because it does not conform to the Court's Rules of Practice and Procedure (Rules) in the following respect:

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- You have not filed a notice of appearance. Rule 46(b)
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- Other:

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DATED: March 8, 2022

FOR THE COURT:

GREGORY O. BLOCK  
Clerk of the Court

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