

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

**BRUCE R. TAYLOR,**  
Appellant,

V.

**DENIS MCDONOUGH,**  
Secretary of Veterans Affairs,  
Appellee.

Vet.App. No. 17-2390

**APPELLEE’S UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME  
TO RESPOND TO APPELLANT’S APPLICATION FOR ATTORNEY’S  
FEES UNTIL FEBRUARY 2, 2024**

Pursuant to U.S. Vet. App. R. 26, 27, and 45(g), Appellee, Denis McDonough, Secretary of Veterans Affairs, respectfully moves the Court for a fourteen-day extension of time to respond to Appellant's Application for Attorney's Fees. If not for this motion, the Secretary's response would be due on January 19, 2024.

The request for more time is being made due to current workload and to conduct an adequate review of Appellant's application given the lengthy history of this appeal. Therefore, the undersigned counsel respectfully requests a fourteen-day extension of time.

Neither party has been granted any extensions in the EAJA stage thus far. On behalf of the Secretary, counsel expresses regret to the Court and Appellant for any inconvenience caused by the delay in filing the Secretary's response. However, in view of the aforesaid circumstances, an extension of fourteen days, until February 2, 2024, is requested.

Counsel for Appellant is unopposed to this motion.

**WHEREFORE**, Appellee, Denis McDonough, Secretary of Veterans Affairs, respectfully moves the Court for an extension of time to file a response to Appellant's Application for Attorney's Fees, until February 2, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

**RICHARD J. HIPOLIT**  
Deputy General Counsel  
Veterans Programs

**MARY ANN FLYNN**  
Chief Counsel

**JAMES B. COWDEN**  
Deputy Chief Counsel

/s/ Nicholas R. Esterman  
**NICHOLAS R. ESTERMAN**  
Senior Appellate Counsel  
Office of General Counsel (027K/N)  
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs  
810 Vermont Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20420  
(202) 632-4322

Counsel for the Secretary