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

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| **ROCCO V. PERCIAVALLE,** | ) | |
| Appellant | ) | |
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| v. | ) | Vet. App. No. 17-3766 |
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| **DENIS MCDONOUGH**, | ) | |
| Secretary of Veterans Affairs, | ) | |
| Appellee. | ) | |

**APPELLEE'S UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR A 45-DAY EXTENSION OF TIME, UNTIL APRIL 1, 2024, TO FILE THE SECRETARY'S RESPONSE TO APPELLANT'S APPLICATION FOR ATTORNEY FEES AND EXPENSES**

Pursuant to U.S. Vet. App. R. 26, 27, and 45(g) the Secretary respectfully moves the Court for a 45-day extension of time to file his response to Appellant's application for attorney fees and expenses, and, as grounds therefor, states the following: due to a heavy work load, undersigned counsel needs additional time for the preparation of his response to Appellant's fee application, and to allow for supervisory review. That workload entails researching for and drafting no less than 7 briefs that are due to the Court during February, March, and April; negotiating with Appellants' representatives in an effort to reach joint resolution in 12 cases; preparing for 15 Rule 33 conferences; preparing for 1 oral argument; and responding to 10 fee applications already filed with the Court.

In compliance with Rule 26, the Secretary states: Appellee's response is due to be filed February 16, 2024; neither party has requested any extension time in

connection with the fee application; and Appellant's counsel does not oppose this motion.

   **WHEREFORE**, Appellee respectfully moves the Court to grant an extension of time to file the Secretary's Response to Appellant's Application for Attorney Fees and Expenses, until April 1, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

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