

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR VETERANS CLAIMS

LAWRENCE M. WATSON,)
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 Appellant,)
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 v.) Vet. App. No. 16-2035
)
 ROBERT L. WILKIE,)
 Secretary of Veterans Affairs,)
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 Appellee.)

APPELLANT’S UNOPPOSED MOTION TO CONTINUE THE CURRENT STAY OF PROCEEDINGS AN ADDITIONAL 30-DAYS UNTIL OCTOBER 24, 2018

Pursuant to U.S. Vet. App. Rules 5(a)(3) and 26(a), undersigned counsel respectfully moves this Court to continue the current stay of proceedings for an additional 30 days until October 24, 2018. But for this stay of proceedings, the current stay expires on September 24, 2018. The decision is currently with the Court for decision.

Good cause exists for this motion. On August 23, 2018, Appellant’s counsel advised the Court that she had learned that the Appellant had passed away on May 27, 2018, based on some internet research. At that time, a 30-day stay of proceedings was requested so that counsel could obtain a copy of the Appellant’s death certificate and determine whether there is an eligible substitute for Appellant under *Breedlove v. Shinseki*, 24 Vet. App. 7 (2010) and *Reeves v. Shinseki*, 682 F.3d 988, 993 (Fed. Cir. 2012). While the undersigned counsel has been in touch with the Appellant’s family and confirmed that the Appellant has passed away, the undersigned has not yet received from the family a copy of the Death Certificate. Additionally, the undersigned counsel is still

doing diligence to ascertain whether an eligible substitute exists to continue this appeal.

Counsel for the Secretary is **unopposed** to this motion to continue the stay of proceedings.

WHEREFORE, Appellant respectfully requests that this Court grant an additional 30-day stay of proceedings in the interest of judicial efficiency.

Respectfully submitted,

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