IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR VETERANS CLAIMS

RICKEY R. MITCHELL,)
Appellant,)
V.) Vet. App. No. 18-0004
ROBERT L. WILKIE, Secretary of Veterans Affairs,)))
Appellee.)

JOINT MOTION FOR A 30-DAY STAY OF PROCEEDINGS

Pursuant to VET. APP. R. 5(a)(3), (c) and 27, the parties respectfully move the Court for a continued 30-day stay of proceedings, from November 21, 2018, until December 21, 2018.

The parties are currently in the process of negotiating a possible joint disposition of this appeal, which, if successful, would be in the interest of judicial efficiency. This matter was previously stayed by the Clerk of the Court for 60 days, until November 21, 2018, pursuant to VET. APP. R. 45(g)(5). The parties continue to diligently and productively work toward a joint resolution of this appeal and request an additional 30-day stay to continue that work. The issues in this appeal are numerous and complex and, as a result, require additional time to ensure that a joint disposition that is mutually agreeable to the parties and acceptable to the Court may be reached.

WHEREFORE, the parties respectfully move the Court to grant a 30-day stay of its proceedings until December 21, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

FOR APPELLANT:

/s/ Tara R. Goffney TARA R. GOFFNEY, ESQ. P.O. Box 678 Bronx, NY 10469 718-515-0700

FOR APPELLEE:

CATHERINE C. MITRANO
Acting General Counsel

MARY ANN FLYNN Chief Counsel

ANNA WHITED
Deputy Chief Counsel

/s/ James R. Drysdale
JAMES R. DRYSDALE
Appellate Counsel
Office of General Counsel (027F)
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
810 Vermont Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20420
james.drysdale@va.gov
202-368-9477 / 202-632-6927