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

No. 18-0107

JOHN R. RATZER,

APPELLANT,

v.

ROBERT L. WILKIE,  
SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS,

APPELLEE.

Before DAVIS, *Chief Judge*, and PIETSCH and ALLEN, *Judges*.

**ORDER**

*Note: Pursuant to U.S. Vet. App. R. 30(a),  
this action may not be cited as precedent.*

On October 2, 2019, the Court held oral argument in this matter to determine whether the Board of Veterans' Appeals erred in its October 24, 2017, decision denying John R. Ratzer an earlier effective date for his service-connected cirrhosis and blood disorder conditions. At the conclusion of oral argument, from the bench, the Court ordered that submission of this case for panel review will be held for a period of 14 days to allow the parties an opportunity for further conferencing. This order memorializes the bench order.

Upon consideration of the foregoing, it is

ORDERED that submission of this case for panel review will be held until October 17, 2019.

DATED: October 4, 2019

PER CURIAM.

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