

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR VETERANS CLAIMS

JAMES D. SMITH,)	
Appellant,)	
)	
v.)	
)	Vet.App. No. 19-1209
ROBERT L. WILKIE,)	
Secretary of Veterans Affairs,)	
)	
Appellee.)	

**APPELLANT’S UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR A 45-DAY EXTENSION,
UNTIL JANUARY 6, 2020 TO FILE APPELLANT’S REPLY BRIEF**

Pursuant to U.S. Vet. App. R. 26(a) and R. 26(b), Appellant respectfully requests an additional 45-day extension, until January 6, 2020 to file Appellant’s reply brief. But for this motion, the brief would be due to be filed with the Clerk of the Court no later than November 20, 2019, pursuant to U.S. Vet. App. R. 31(a)(1)(B). This is the first extension of time to file this pleading. To date Appellant has been granted a 45-day extension to file his initial brief and the Secretary has been granted 45-day extension to file his responsive brief. A total of 90 days of extension time have been granted in the case to date.

This extension of time is required due to the competing professional commitments of Appellant’s counsel. Additional time is needed for research, preparation, and supervisory review of Appellant’s reply brief.

Counsel for the Secretary has advised the undersigned that the Secretary of Veterans Affairs is **unopposed** to this motion.

WHEREFORE, Appellant respectfully requests that the Court grant this

motion for an extension of time.

Respectfully submitted,

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