

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

ROBERT I. ATKINSON,)	
)	
Appellant,)	
)	
v.)	Vet.App. No. 19-3228
)	
ROBERT L. WILKIE,)	
Secretary of Veterans Affairs,)	
)	
Appellee.)	

**APPELLEE’S MOTION FOR 45-DAY EXTENSION
OF TIME TO FILE THE APPELLEE’S BRIEF**

Pursuant to United States Court of Veterans Appeals Rule 26(b), Appellee respectfully moves this Court for a 45-day extension of time in which to file the Secretary’s brief in the instant case, which would otherwise be due December 9, 2019.

The request for additional time is being made because, due to undersigned counsel’s extensive professional responsibilities, additional time is needed in order to draft the Secretary’s brief, and to allow for supervisory review. As a result, the Secretary is unable to meet the filing deadline. In view of the aforesaid circumstances, an extension of forty-five (45) days, until January 23, 2020, is requested.

Neither party has received any extensions of time in this case. Appellant is proceeding *pro se* and has not been contacted.

WHEREFORE, Appellee respectfully moves the Court for a 45-day extension of time, until January 23, 2020, in which to file his brief.

Respectfully submitted,

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