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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR VETERANS CLAIMS

No. 17-4220(E)

JUSTINIANO DELRIO,

APPELLANT,

v.

ROBERT L. WILKIE,
SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS,

APPELLEE.

Before BARTLEY, *Chief Judge*.

ORDER

Pending before the Court is an opposed application for attorney's fees and expenses under the Equal Access to Justice Act (EAJA) and veteran Justiniano Delrio's response to the opposition.

Upon consideration of the foregoing, it is

ORDERED that the Court will initiate an EAJA settlement conference on September 14, 2020, at 11:30 AM ET. *See* U.S. VET. APP. R. 33. Prior to the conference, the parties will confer by telephone regarding the issues before the Court, including the amount of fees and expenses sought by Mr. Delrio. The conference will be conducted by Sonia Shah Mezei, Esq., of the Court's Central Legal Staff. The attorneys will consult with the parties they represent, and come prepared to report the results of their pre-conference meeting regarding the matter before the Court. Further, the parties will come to the conference possessing sufficient authority to reach a full settlement of the matter or to state that no settlement can be reached on the final terms proposed by Mr. Delrio or the Secretary. It is further

ORDERED that proceedings in the appeal are stayed pending further order of the Court.

DATED: August 14, 2020

FOR THE COURT:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Margaret Bartley', with a long, sweeping vertical line extending downwards from the end of the signature.

MARGARET BARTLEY
Chief Judge

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