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## UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR VETERANS CLAIMS

No. 17-3296(E)

SHAWN P. LACEY, APPELLANT,

V.

ROBERT L. WILKIE, SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS,

APPELLEE.

## ORDER

On August 18, 2020, the Court directed the parties to participate in a Staff Conference regarding the appellant's application for attorney's fees and expenses under the Equal Access to Justice Act (EAJA).

Upon consideration of the foregoing, it is

ORDERED that the Court will initiate an EAJA settlement conference on September 10, 2020, at 2:00 PM 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 the appellant. The conference will be conducted by Amy S. Gordon, 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 the appellant or the Secretary. It is further

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

DATED: August 24, 2020 FOR THE COURT:

GREGORY O. BLOCK Clerk of the Court

By: /s/ Anthony R. Wilson

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