IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR VETERANS CLAIMS

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JEREMY BEAUDETTE AND
MAYA BEAUDETTE,
individually and on behalf of others
similarly situated,
Petitioners,
V.
DENIS MCDONOUGH,
in his capacity as
Secretary of Veterans Affairs,
Respondent.

Vet. App. No. 20-4961

PETITIONERS' REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF BARTON F. STICHMAN AS ADDITIONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Petitioners Jeremy and Maya Beaudette ("Petitioners") respectfully request,

pursuant to Rule 23(f)(2) of the Court's Rules of Practice and Procedure, that the Court approve, with the consent of class counsel, Barton F. Stichman of the National Veterans Legal Service Program ("NVLSP") as an additional representative of Petitioners and the certified class in this action.

On April 19, 2021, the Court granted Petitioners' petition, certified a class of claimants, and appointed Andy LeGolvan of Paul Hastings LLP and Amanda Pertusati of Public Counsel to serve as class counsel pursuant to Rule 23(f).

Rule 23(f)(2) provides that "[c]lass counsel shall be designated as the lead representative" and "additional representatives may appear with approval of the Court and consent of class counsel." On June 1, 2021, Mr. Stichman entered an appearance in this action as co-representative on behalf of Petitioners.

The undersigned class counsel believe that the inclusion of Mr. Stichman as additional representative will benefit Petitioners and the interests of the certified class, and to that end, class counsel consents to his approval as additional representative. Therefore, pursuant to Rule 23(f)(2), Petitioners respectfully request that Mr. Stichman be approved by the Court as an additional representative.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: June 1, 2021

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