UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR VETERANS CLAIMS

NOTICE OF APPEARANCE

MERRILETTA HAYES, ☑ Appellant, ☐ Petitioner,

v. Docket No. 20-0449

Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Appellee / Respondent.

1. Please enter my appearance for ☑ the appellant or petitioner
   ☐ the Secretary
   ☐ the intervenor
   ☐ amicus curiae: _____.

2. I am:
   ☑ admitted to practice before this Court as: ☑ attorney ☐ non-attorney practitioner
   ☐ seeking to appear in this case only, under Rule 46(b)(1)(F); my motion is attached.

3. I am:
   ☐ the lead representative of record. I will accept service for the party and will inform all of the party's co-representatives of matters served upon me.
   ☐ not the lead representative of record, but am joining as co-representative.
   ☑ replacing the lead representative of record, who:
      ☑ has been permitted or is seeking to withdraw.
      ☐ remains as co-representative.

4. If I am representing the appellant, petitioner, or intervenor, my representation is:
   ☐ pursuant to the attached fee agreement. If the fee agreement provides for direct payment out of past-due benefits under 38 U.S.C. § 5904, a copy has been served on counsel for the Secretary. If the fee agreement provides for a contingent fee, it also provides for an offset of any fees and expenses awarded under the Equal Access to Justice Act (EAJA), 28 U.S.C. § 2412(d) in the event the Court awards VA benefits on the claim.
   ☐ without charge to the appellant, petitioner, or intervenor; however it is subject to the attached retainer agreement.
   ☑ pursuant to the fee/retainer agreement already on record in this case.

/s/ Yelena Duterte
Signature

3/8/2022
Date

Yelena Duterte
Printed name

Veterans Service Org., if R. 46(a)(2)(B) applies.

300 S State ST

Chicago, Illinois 60604

Address

Signature and printed name and address of Supervising attorney, if R. 46(a)(2)(A) applies.

312-427-2737 x843
Telephone number

yduter2@uic.edu
Email address

Attachments: ☐ Application and motion to appear under Rule 46(b)(1)(F)
☐ Fee agreement ☐ Retainer agreement

Form 3
(Rev 02-20)