

**UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR VETERANS CLAIMS**  
**625 Indiana Avenue, NW Suite 900**  
**Washington, DC 20004-2950**

**NOTICE TO FILE BRIEF**

DOCKET NO: 22-2587

JOHN S. THOMAS,

APPELLANT,

v.

DENIS McDONOUGH,  
SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS,

APPELLEE.

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**TO THE APPELLANT:**

The Secretary's counsel has sent the Record Before the Agency to you.

Pursuant to Rule 31 of the Court's Rules of Practice and Procedure, your brief is due not later than 60 days from the date of this notice **or** 30 days after the completion of the Rule 33 staff conference, **whichever is later**. A Rule 33 staff conference **will** be scheduled in this appeal, and you will receive a Court order setting the date for the conference within 60 days of this notice. If the 60-day period is about to expire (i.e., within 3-5 days), and you haven't received an order scheduling your conference, please contact Bernard Woodruff, Office of the Central Legal Staff, at 202-501-5902, option #1.

Dated: December 13, 2022

FOR THE COURT:

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