

**IN THE UNITED STATES  
COURT OF APPEALS FOR VETERANS CLAIMS**

JOHN F. JOE,  
Appellant,  
v.  
DENIS MCDONOUGH,  
Secretary of Veterans Affairs,  
Appellee.

Docket No. 22-4543

**Motion to Cancel Oral Argument**

After many phone calls and a letter to Mr. Joe explaining his case, he agreed that he should move to dismiss his appeals. I sent him a letter confirming his decision back in mid-February. He told me he would return it. He never did. I have emailed him several times, left at least ten voicemails, and sent him three letters saying to contact us. But he has not. I do not know what happened to him. We sent him certified mail last week and are waiting for a signature to know he has received our mail.

On March 7, 2023, I moved to stay proceedings until Mr. Joe contacts the Court with either a dispositive motion or a notice that he has reached out and would like to continue toward oral argument.

I cannot move to dismiss. And I do not want to withdraw as counsel without trying a bit longer to get a hold of Mr. Joe—he may be hospitalized or unavailable for some reason out of his control. I do not believe there will ever be an oral argument in this case.

Accordingly, Mr. Joe moves the Court to cancel oral argument.

The Secretary is unopposed to this motion.

March 13, 2023.

Submitted,

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