

NOTE: This disposition is nonprecedential.

**United States Court of Appeals  
for the Federal Circuit**

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**JAMES P. MULLINS,**  
*Claimant-Appellant*

v.

**ROBERT WILKIE, ACTING SECRETARY OF  
VETERANS AFFAIRS,**  
*Respondent-Appellee*

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2017-1325

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Appeal from the United States Court of Appeals for  
Veterans Claims in No. 15-440, Senior Judge Lawrence B.  
Hagel.

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**JUDGMENT**

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THIS CAUSE having been heard and considered, it is

ORDERED and ADJUDGED:

PER CURIAM (DYK, O'MALLEY, and WALLACH, *Circuit Judges*).

**AFFIRMED. See Fed. Cir. R. 36.**

ENTERED BY ORDER OF THE COURT

May 4, 2018

Date

/s/ Peter R. Marksteiner

Peter R. Marksteiner

Clerk of Court