NOTE: This order is nonprecedential.

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

2009-7140

RONALD E. KUNKEL,

Claimant-Appellant,

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ERIC K. SHINSEKI, Secretary of Veterans Affairs,

Respondent-Appellee.

Appeal from the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims in 08-0026, Judge Robert N. Davis.

ON MOTION

Before SCHALL, Circuit Judge.

## ORDER

Ronald E. Kunkel moves without opposition to stay the briefing schedule in this appeal pending the court's disposition of <u>Gaston v. Shinseki</u>, 2009-7104.

Kunkel asserts that this case and <u>Gaston</u> involve the issue whether 38 C.F.R. § 3.340(a) provides a separate basis for an award of total disability based on individual unemployment.

Upon consideration thereof,

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) The motion to stay is granted. Kunkel is directed to inform the court within 14 days of the disposition of <u>Gaston</u> concerning how he believes the above-captioned appeal should proceed. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may also respond within that time.

(2) A copy of this order shall be transmitted to the merits panel assigned to hear <u>Gaston</u>, to inform that panel of this related appeal.

FOR THE COURT

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Date

<u>/s/ Jan Horbaly</u>

Jan Horbaly Clerk

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