

NOTE: This disposition is nonprecedential.

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

ALVARO J. RUIZ,
Claimant-Appellant,

v.

**ERIC K. SHINSEKI, SECRETARY OF VETERANS
AFFAIRS,**
Respondent-Appellee.

2011-7106

Appeal from the United States Court of Appeals for
Veterans Claims in case no. 08-2237, Judge William P.
Greene, Jr.

JUDGMENT

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THIS CAUSE having been heard and considered, it is

ORDERED and ADJUDGED:

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

AFFIRMED. See Fed. Cir. R. 36.

ENTERED BY ORDER OF THE COURT

February 14, 2012
Date

/s/ Jan Horbaly
Jan Horbaly
Clerk