

NOTE: This disposition is nonprecedential.

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

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**ROBERT J. SOVIS,**  
*Claimant-Appellant*

v.

**ROBERT A. MCDONALD, SECRETARY OF  
VETERANS AFFAIRS,**  
*Respondent-Appellee*

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2015-7078

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Appeal from the United States Court of Appeals for  
Veterans Claims in No. 14-258, Chief Judge Bruce E.  
Kasold.

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**JUDGMENT**

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THIS CAUSE having been heard and considered, it is

ORDERED and ADJUDGED:

PER CURIAM (NEWMAN, SCHALL, and CHEN, *Circuit  
Judges*).

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

ENTERED BY ORDER OF THE COURT

April 21, 2016  
Date

/s/ Daniel E. O'Toole  
Daniel E. O'Toole  
Clerk of Court