

NOTE: This disposition is nonprecedential.

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

IGNACIO E. CASTILLO, JR.,
Claimant-Appellant

v.

**DAVID J. SHULKIN, SECRETARY OF VETERANS
AFFAIRS,**
Respondent-Appellee

2016-1539

Appeal from the United States Court of Appeals for
Veterans Claims in No. 14-1498, Judge Robert N. Davis.

Decided: April 10, 2017

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ed States Department of Veterans Affairs, Washington, DC.

Before LOURIE, MOORE, and HUGHES, *Circuit Judges*.

PER CURIAM.

Ignacio E. Castillo, Jr. (“Castillo”) appeals from a final decision of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims (“Veterans Court”) affirming the Board of Veterans’ Appeals’ (“the Board”) decision granting him a 30% initial disability rating. *See Ignacia E. Castillo, Jr. v. Robert A. McDonald, Secretary of Veterans Affairs*, No. 14-1498, 2015 WL 6605543 (Vet. App. Oct. 30, 2015).

The scope of our review in an appeal from the Veterans Court is limited. We may review the validity of a decision with respect to a rule of a law or interpretation of a statute or regulation that was relied upon by the Veterans Court in making its decision. 38 U.S.C. § 7292(a) (2002). Except with respect to constitutional issues, this Court “may not review (A) a challenge to a factual determination, or (B) a challenge to a law or regulation as applied to the facts of a particular case.” *Id.* at § 7292(d)(2).

Despite Castillo’s attempts to frame his arguments as legal challenges, his appeal, at its core, seeks to impermissibly challenge the Board’s application of law to the facts of his case. Thus, the appeal is dismissed for lack of jurisdiction.

DISMISSED