NOTE: This disposition is nonprecedential.

United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit

FREDDIE BUTTS, MARVIN O. JOHNSON, Claimants-Appellees

v.

ROBERT WILKIE, ACTING SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, Respondent-Appellant

2017-1058, 2017-1509

Appeals from the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims in Nos. 10-1785, 14-3019, Senior Judge Lawrence B. Hagel, Chief Judge Robert N. Davis.

JUDGMENT

ZACHARY STOLZ, Chisholm Chisholm & Kilpatrick, Providence, RI, argued for claimant-appellee Freddie Butts. Also represented by MEGAN MARIE ELLIS, JENNA ZELLMER; BARBARA J. COOK, Cincinnati, OH.

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THIS CAUSE having been heard and considered, it is

ORDERED and ADJUDGED:

PER CURIAM (MOORE, WALLACH, and CHEN, *Circuit Judges*).

AFFIRMED. See Fed. Cir. R. 36.

ENTERED BY ORDER OF THE COURT

<u>May 7, 2018</u> Date <u>/s/ Peter R. Marksteiner</u> Peter R. Marksteiner Clerk of Court