

NOTE: This disposition is nonprecedential.

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

LESTER L. DEAN, JR.,
Claimant-Appellant

v.

**DENIS MCDONOUGH, SECRETARY OF
VETERANS AFFAIRS,**
Respondent-Appellee

2022-2179

Appeal from the United States Court of Appeals for
Veterans Claims in No. 21-2920, Judge Amanda L. Meredith.

JUDGMENT

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THIS CAUSE having been heard and considered, it is

ORDERED and ADJUDGED:

PER CURIAM (PROST, STOLL, and STARK, *Circuit
Judges*).

AFFIRMED. See Fed. Cir. R. 36.

ENTERED BY ORDER OF THE COURT

March 8, 2024
Date



Jarrett B. Perlow
Clerk of Court