

NOTE: This disposition is nonprecedential.

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

KEVIN STEELE,
Claimant-Appellant

v.

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

2022-2282

Appeal from the United States Court of Appeals for
Veterans Claims in No. 21-1633, Chief Judge Margaret C.
Bartley.

JUDGMENT

KENNETH M. CARPENTER, Law Offices of Carpenter
Chartered, Topeka, KS, argued for claimant-appellant.

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Veterans Affairs, Washington, DC.

THIS CAUSE having been heard and considered, it is

ORDERED and ADJUDGED:

PER CURIAM (REYNA, CUNNINGHAM, *Circuit Judges*,
and ALBRIGHT, *District Judge*¹).

AFFIRMED. See Fed. Cir. R. 36.

ENTERED BY ORDER OF THE COURT

April 5, 2024
Date



Jarrett B. Perlow
Clerk of Court

¹ Honorable Alan D Albright, District Judge, United States District Court for the Western District of Texas, sitting by designation.