

NOTE: This disposition is nonprecedential.

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

JAMES P. MULLINS,
Claimant-Appellant

v.

**ROBERT WILKIE, ACTING SECRETARY OF
VETERANS AFFAIRS,**
Respondent-Appellee

2017-1325

Appeal from the United States Court of Appeals for
Veterans Claims in No. 15-440, Senior Judge Lawrence B.
Hagel.

JUDGMENT

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

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JR., MARTIN F. HOCKEY, JR.; BRIAN D. GRIFFIN, DEREK

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THIS CAUSE having been heard and considered, it is

ORDERED and ADJUDGED:

PER CURIAM (DYK, O'MALLEY, and WALLACH, *Circuit Judges*).

AFFIRMED. See Fed. Cir. R. 36.

ENTERED BY ORDER OF THE COURT

May 4, 2018

Date

/s/ Peter R. Marksteiner

Peter R. Marksteiner

Clerk of Court