

NOTE: This disposition is nonprecedential.

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

BILLIE STEPHENS,
Claimant-Appellant

v.

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

2021-1968

Appeal from the United States Court of Appeals for
Veterans Claims in No. 20-3943, Judge Joseph L. Toth.

JUDGMENT

ROBERT C. BROWN, JR., Norman, OK, argued for claimant-appellant.

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THIS CAUSE having been heard and considered, it is

ORDERED and ADJUDGED:

PER CURIAM (MOORE, *Chief Judge*, BRYSON and DYK,
Circuit Judges).

AFFIRMED. See Fed. Cir. R. 36.

ENTERED BY ORDER OF THE COURT

January 11, 2022
Date

/s/ Peter R. Marksteiner
Peter R. Marksteiner
Clerk of Court