

NOTE: This disposition is nonprecedential.

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

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**LESTER L. DEAN, JR.,**  
*Claimant-Appellant*

v.

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

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2022-2179

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

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**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