

NOTE: This disposition is nonprecedential.

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

PHILIP A. CLIFTON, SR.,
Claimant-Appellant

v.

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

2022-2149

Appeal from the United States Court of Appeals for
Veterans Claims in No. 21-4, Senior Judge Mary J. Schoe-
len.

JUDGMENT

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Veterans Affairs, Washington, DC.

THIS CAUSE having been heard and considered, it is
ORDERED and ADJUDGED:

PER CURIAM (TARANTO, CHEN, and STOLL, *Circuit
Judges*).

AFFIRMED. See Fed. Cir. R. 36.

ENTERED BY ORDER OF THE COURT

March 6, 2024
Date



Jarrett B. Perlow
Clerk of Court