

NOTE: This disposition is nonprecedential.

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

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**KEVIN STEELE,**  
*Claimant-Appellant*

v.

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

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2022-2282

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

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**JUDGMENT**

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THIS CAUSE having been heard and considered, it is

ORDERED and ADJUDGED:

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

**AFFIRMED. See Fed. Cir. R. 36.**

ENTERED BY ORDER OF THE COURT

April 5, 2024  
Date



Jarrett B. Perlow  
Clerk of Court

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