

NOTE: This disposition is nonprecedential.

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

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**CRISTA V. BENNER,**  
*Claimant-Appellant,*

v.

**ERIC K. SHINSEKI, Secretary of Veterans Affairs,**  
*Respondent-Appellee.*

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2013-7098

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Appeal from the United States Court of Appeals for  
Veterans Claims in No. 11-2331, Judge Lawrence B.  
Hagel.

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**JUDGMENT**

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THIS CAUSE having been heard and considered, it is

ORDERED and ADJUDGED:

PER CURIAM (MOORE, O'MALLEY, and CHEN, *Circuit Judges*).

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

ENTERED BY ORDER OF THE COURT

May 14, 2014

Date

/s/ Daniel E. O'Toole

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Clerk of Court