

NOTE: This disposition is nonprecedential.

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

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**JAMES L. ZOTTARELLA,**  
*Claimant-Appellant*

v.

**ROBERT WILKIE, SECRETARY OF VETERANS  
AFFAIRS,**  
*Respondent-Appellee*

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2018-1283

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Appeal from the United States Court of Appeals for  
Veterans Claims in No. 16-469, Senior Judge Kenneth B.  
Kramer.

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**JUDGMENT**

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KENNETH DOJAQUEZ, BNTD Law, Columbia, SC, ar-  
gued for claimant-appellant.

AGATHA KOPROWSKI, Commercial Litigation Branch,  
Civil Division, United States Department of Justice,  
Washington, DC, argued for respondent-appellee. Also  
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THIS CAUSE having been heard and considered, it is

ORDERED and ADJUDGED:

PER CURIAM (NEWMAN, LOURIE, and STOLL, *Circuit Judges*).

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

ENTERED BY ORDER OF THE COURT

October 16, 2018  
Date

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