

NOTE: This disposition is nonprecedential.

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

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**DEBORAH GARRETT-CLEVELAND,  
SUBSTITUTED FOR HORACE CLEVELAND,**  
*Claimant-Appellant*

**v.**

**DOUGLAS A. COLLINS, SECRETARY OF  
VETERANS AFFAIRS,**  
*Respondent-Appellee*

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2023-1505

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Appeal from the United States Court of Appeals for  
Veterans Claims in No. 20-6780, Judge Amanda L. Meredith.

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**JUDGMENT**

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GWENDOLYN TAWRESEY, Troutman Pepper Locke LLP,  
Boston, MA, argued for claimant-appellant. Also represented by TIMOTHY L. MCHUGH, Richmond, VA; JOHN F. CAMERON, John F. Cameron, Attorney at Law, Montgomery, AL; JOHN D. NILES, Carpenter Chartered, Topeka, KS.

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THIS CAUSE having been heard and considered, it is

ORDERED and ADJUDGED:

PER CURIAM (DYK, HUGHES, and STOLL, *Circuit Judges*).

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

ENTERED BY ORDER OF THE COURT

October 9, 2025

Date



Jarrett B. Perlow  
Clerk of Court