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

JAMES L. ZOTTARELLA,
Claimant-Appellant

v.

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

2018-1283

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

JUDGMENT

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

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KIRSCHMAN, JR., CHAD A. READLER; MEGHAN ALPHONSO,

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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

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Clerk of Court

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**ON PETITION FOR PANEL REHEARING AND
REHEARING EN BANC**

Before PROST, *Chief Judge*, NEWMAN, LOURIE, DYK,
MOORE, O'MALLEY, REYNA, WALLACH, TARANTO, CHEN,
HUGHES, and STOLL, *Circuit Judges*.

PER CURIAM.

O R D E R

Appellant James L. Zottarella filed a combined petition for panel rehearing and rehearing en banc. The petition was referred to the panel that heard the appeal, and thereafter the petition for rehearing en banc was referred to the circuit judges who are in regular active service.

Upon consideration thereof,

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

The petition for panel rehearing is denied.

The petition for rehearing en banc is denied.

The mandate of the court will issue on January 15, 2019.

FOR THE COURT

January 8, 2019
Date

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

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