

IN THE  
**Supreme Court of the United States**

JOSHUA E. BUFKIN,

*Petitioner,*

v.

DENIS MCDONOUGH, SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS,  
*Respondent.*

NORMAN F. THORNTON,

*Petitioner,*

v.

DENIS MCDONOUGH, SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS,  
*Respondent.*

On Petition for a Writ of Certiorari to the  
United States Court of Appeals  
for the Federal Circuit

**CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE**

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