

**No. 2024-1757**

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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE FEDERAL CIRCUIT

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NATIONAL VETERANS LEGAL SERVICES PROGRAM, NATIONAL  
CONSUMER LAW CENTER, ALLIANCE FOR JUSTICE, Plaintiffs-  
Appellees,

v.

UNITED STATES, Defendant-Appellee.

v.

ERIC ALAN ISAACSON, Interested Party-Appellant

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Appeal from the United States District Court  
for the District of Columbia  
in 1:16-cv-00745-PLF  
The Honorable Paul L. Friedman

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**DECLARATION OF ERIC ALAN ISAACSON IN SUPPORT OF  
MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME  
TO FILE APPELLANT'S REPLY BRIEF**

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I, Eric Alan Isaacson, hereby declare:

1. I am a member in good standing of the bar of the Supreme Court of California, and of the bar of this Court, who is appearing in this matter pro se.

2. I make this declaration in support of my motion requesting a 21-day extension of time within which to file my reply brief, from the reply brief's current due date of November 1, 2024, to November 22, 2024.

3. This is my first request for an extension of time for my reply brief.

4. I believe that good cause exists for my request, as set forth herein.

5. Appellees on October 11, 2024, filed and served two Appellee's Briefs. One was filed by Defendant-Appellee the United States, and another by the Plaintiffs-Appellees National Veterans Legal Services Program (NVLSP) et al. Under Federal Rule of Appellate Procedure 31(a)(1), my reply brief is due within 21 days of October 11, which is to say, by November 1, 2024.

6. I am, however, currently scheduled for heart surgery on Monday October 21, 2024.

7. Medical appointments leading up to the surgery have interfered with my ability to focus on the reply brief. And while I hope to be out of the hospital within a day or two, I cannot assume that I will be able to do much work the week of October 21.

8. Although I am appearing pro se in this matter, I am a member of the California bar, and of the bars of the federal circuit courts of appeal, and I represent clients in a number of matters currently pending before other courts. I have done my best to minimize the time that will be required of me in those matters at the end of October and into the beginning of November.

9. As a solo practitioner, I have no partners, associates, or other staff to assist me in researching, drafting, and filing the reply brief in this matter—in which I must respond to two Appellees' briefs.

10. I also am enrolled as a graduate student in the Harvard Extension School, working toward a Master of Liberal Arts in Extension Studies with a focus on history. I am enrolled in two seminars for the current fall 2024 semester, each of which requires substantial reading. I

have a major paper due in one of those seminars on October 24, 2024, and a class presentation in the other scheduled for November 5, 2024.

11. Defendant-Appellee United States and Plaintiffs-Appellees NVLSP et al. have been informed of this request for a 21-day extension, and have stated through counsel that they do not oppose it.

12. I accordingly request a 21-day extension of my reply brief's due date, from November 1, 2024, to November 22, 2024.

I declare under penalty of perjury under 28 U.S.C. §1746 that the foregoing is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

DATED: October 20, 2024

/s/ Eric Alan Isaacson

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Objector-Appellant

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on October 20, 2024, I am electronically filing the foregoing affidavit with the Clerk of the Court for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit by using the CM/ECF system. All participants are registered CM/ECF users and will be served by the appellate CM/ECF system.

/s/ Eric Alan Isaacson

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