



UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR VETERANS CLAIMS
625 INDIANA AVENUE, NW
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WASHINGTON, DC 20004

CHAMBERS OF
CHIEF JUDGE MARGARET BARTLEY

Dear Self-Represented Appellant:

The Court now has a pilot program that offers you, a self-represented appellant, the opportunity to have representation at a Court-mediated conference with VA counsel to discuss early resolution of your case. The Court usually conducts these conferences with represented parties, but the pilot program will make the services of an experienced volunteer attorney available to you without charge (pro bono) for the limited purpose of participating in this conference on your behalf. No outcome is guaranteed, but conferences frequently result in agreements that are beneficial to the parties.

This pilot program is being administered by the Veterans Consortium Pro Bono Program. Your participation in this program is completely voluntary. If you opt into the program, you will be assigned a volunteer attorney who will participate on your behalf in the Court's conferencing process that is described in Rule 33 of the Court's Rules of Practice and Procedure. The volunteer attorney will not continue to be involved in your case after the conference unless you and the attorney decide to continue the relationship and make a separate agreement.

To opt-in or to get more information about this pilot program, contact the Veterans Consortium Pro Bono Program (TVC) at 855-446-9678 or email Rule33Pilot@vetsprobono.org. (If you are not interested in participating in this opportunity for early resolution of your case, refer to the Instructions for Filing the Informal Brief.)

Sincerely,

Margaret Bartley
Chief Judge