UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR VETERANS CLAIMS

MISC. No. 01-10

IN RE: RULES OF PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE

Before GREENE, *Chief Judge*, and KASOLD, HAGEL, MOORMAN, LANCE, DAVIS, and SCHOELEN, *Judges*.

ORDER

Pursuant to the authority of 38 U.S.C. § 7264(a) and 28 U.S.C. §§ 2071(b) and (e), and in order to meet the current needs of the Court, the Court is revising, on an interim basis, Rule 45(g) of its Rules of Practice and Procedure to grant additional authority to the Clerk as described below. Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that, effective on the date of this order, the Clerk is temporarily authorized to act on requests, filed pursuant to Rule 5(a)(1)(A) of the Court's Rules of Practice and Procedure, that ask the Court to exercise its authority to stay proceedings to allow a pro bono representation program, operating under a grant or contract made under the authority first provided in Public Law No. 102-229, to conduct case evaluation. The Clerk's authority shall include the authority to grant or deny any requests filed pursuant to Rule 5(a)(1)(A).

In contemplation of a permanent revision to Rule 45(g) consistent with this interim revision, it is further

ORDERED that the Court hereby invites comment from its Rules Advisory Committee and from the public on this proposed change. All comments must be received by the Clerk of this Court at 625 Indiana Avenue, N.W., Suite 900, Washington, D.C., 20004-2950, on or before February 12, 2010. It is further

ORDERED that Miscellaneous Order 02-99 (March 18, 1999) is hereby withdrawn.

DATED: January 12, 2010

BY THE COURT:

WILLIAM P. GREENE, JR.

Chief Judge