

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR VETERANS CLAIMS

Misc. No. 6-01

IN RE: RESCISSION OF MISC. NO. 4-00, IN RE: VETERANS CLAIMS ASSISTANCE ACT OF 2000

Before KRAMER, *Chief Judge*, and FARLEY, HOLDAWAY,
IVERS, STEINBERG, and GREENE, *Judges*.

ORDER

Pursuant to the authority of 38 U.S.C. § 7264(a) and Rules 2, 36, and 41(a) of the Court's Rules of Practice and Procedure, the Court has determined that there is a need to issue a general order rescinding Miscellaneous Order 4-00, *In Re: Veterans Claims Assistance Act of 2000*, 15 Vet.App. 27 (2000) (en banc order) [hereinafter Misc. No. 4-00].

Misc. No. 4-00 established certain special procedures (including the automatic recall of nonfinal judgments in Court decisions that had affirmed decisions of the Board of Veterans' Appeals) and suspended the application of certain Court rules in order for appellants and potential appellants to become familiarized with the Veterans Claims Assistance Act of 2000, Pub. L. No. 106-475, 114 Stat. 2096 (Nov. 9, 2000) (VCAA). The dissemination of information about the VCAA over the past nine months obviates the need for the special procedures established by Misc. No. 4-00. Accordingly, the Court will rescind Misc. No. 4-00 and thus reinstate the full applicability of the Court's rules to all cases.

In view of the foregoing, it is

ORDERED that, effective on September 14, 2001, Misc. No. 4-00 is RESCINDED. In the interim, the operation of the first ORDERED paragraph of that order (relating to, inter alia, the recall of nonfinal judgments) is hereby SUSPENDED effective immediately. The Clerk of the Court will, in cases pending before the Court on the date of the issuance of this order, send (at the time the Court would otherwise make its next communication in each such case) a copy of this order to every party in such cases to whom the Clerk has sent a copy of Misc. No. 4-00, and will take additional steps to accomplish the widest possible dissemination of information about this order.

DATED: August 31, 2001

BY THE COURT:

KENNETH B. KRAMER
Chief Judge