



CONSENT TO RELEASE OF INFORMATION FROM VA FILES

By signing this form, I hereby request and authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to release to my representative, if I have one, and the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims documents and other material from VA files that are relevant to the instant litigation, including any decision rendered by the Board of Veterans' Appeals relevant to this litigation.

In the event information to be released includes information regarding drug abuse, infection with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), alcoholism or alcohol abuse, or sickle cell anemia protected by 38 U.S.C. § 7332, I specifically consent to that disclosure as well.

I understand that any documents and materials that might otherwise be protected by 38 U.S.C. 5701, and any Board of Veterans' Appeals decision will become public unless I seek and am granted a sealing of the record by the Court pursuant to the Court's E-Rule 8 and Rules of Practice and Procedure 48 of the Court. Redisclosure of my medical records by those receiving the above-authorized information may be accomplished without any further written authorization and may no longer be protected.

I may revoke this consent to disclosure at any time, but if not revoked before action is taken in reliance upon it, this consent shall automatically expire on the date this litigation is withdrawn; or, if not withdrawn, on the date of final decision by the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, or final resolution of any subsequent appeals to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit or the Supreme Court of the United States, whichever comes last.

Name (Please Print)

Docket Number

Signature (Indicate If Court-Appointed Guardian)

Date

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