



THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS  
WASHINGTON

November 28, 2016

**MEMORANDUM FOR THE GENERAL COUNSEL**

**SUBJECT:** Delegation of Authority to Pursue Legal Actions before the State Public Service Commissions.

- 1. DELEGATION.** Pursuant to the Delegation of Authority dated June 13, 2016, from the General Services Administration (GSA) to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Secretary), authorizing the Secretary to represent the consumer interests of executive Federal agencies including the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), in proceedings before Public Service Commissions of the various States, the authority contained in that Delegation of Authority is hereby re-delegated to the General Counsel.
- 2. AUTHORITY.** Under the terms of 38 U.S.C. § 512, the Secretary may delegate authority to act with respect to all laws administered by VA. Pursuant to the terms of the June 13, 2016, Delegation of Authority from GSA, the Secretary may re-delegate the authority provided in that delegation to any VA officer, official, or employee.
- 3. RESTRICTIONS.** In exercising this delegation, the General Counsel will be subject to all restrictions set forth in law and VA policy, except for those that directly conflict with this delegation.
- 4. REDELEGATION.** This authority may be redelegated at the discretion of the General Counsel.
- 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This delegation of authority is effective upon signature and will expire June 1, 2019.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Robert A. McDonald", is positioned above the printed name.

Robert A. McDonald