

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

NATIONAL VETERANS LEGAL
SERVICES PROGRAM, et al.

Plaintiffs,

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
Defendant.

Case No. 16-745

DECLARATION OF BARTON F. STICHMAN

I, Barton F. Stichman, declare as follows:

1. I am Joint Executive Director of the National Veterans Legal Services Program (NVLSP), a nonprofit organization that seeks to ensure that American veterans and active-duty personnel receive the full benefits to which they are entitled for disabilities resulting from their military service. Over the years, the organization has represented thousands of veterans in court cases, educated countless people about veterans-benefits law, and brought numerous class-action lawsuits challenging the legality of rules and policies of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

2. In 2016, NVLSP paid \$317 in fees to the PACER Service Center to obtain public court records. I estimate that we paid similar amounts annually over the past six years. NVLSP has never sought exemptions from PACER fees during the class period given the financial-hardship requirements that would have applied. In 2014, NVLSP had revenues of \$3.75 million, expenses of \$3.72 million, and net assets of \$3.86 million.

I declare under penalty of perjury, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on January 19, 2017.



Barton F. Stichman