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APPENDIX A TO PART 20—CROSS-REFERENCES

AUTHORITY: 38 U.S.C. 501(a) and as noted in specific sections.

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Subpart A—General

§ 20.1 Rule 1. Purpose and construction of Rules of Practice.

(a) Purpose. These rules establish the practices and procedures governing appeals to the Board of Veterans Appeals.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 501(a), 7102, 7104)

§ 20.2 Rule 2. Procedure in absence of specific Rule of Practice.

Where in any instance there is no applicable rule or procedure, the Chairman may prescribe a procedure which is consistent with the provisions of title 38, United States Code, and these rules.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 501(a), 5107, 7104)

§ 20.2 Rule 2. Procedure in absence of specific Rule of Practice.

(b) Construction. These rules are to be construed to secure a just and speedy decision in every appeal.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 501(a), 5107, 7104)

Subpart O—Revision of Decisions on Grounds of Clear and Unmistakable Error

§ 20.3 Rule 3. Definitions.

As used in these Rules:

(a) Agency of original jurisdiction means the Department of Veterans Affairs activity or administration, that is, the Veterans Benefits Administration, Veterans Health Administration, or National Cemetery Administration, that made the initial determination on a claim.

(b) Agent means a person who has met the standards and qualifications for accreditation outlined in §14.629(b) of this chapter and who has been properly designated under the provisions of Rule 602, 603, or 605 (§20.602, 20.603, or §20.605 of this part).