#### Department of Veterans Affairs M21-1, Part I, Chapter 3

**Veterans Benefits Administration July 24, 2015**

**Washington, DC 20420**

#### Transmittal Sheet

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| Changes Included in This Revision | The table below describes the changes included in this revision of Veterans Benefits Manual M21-1, Part I, “Claimants Rights and Responsibilities,” Chapter 3, “Power of Attorney.”  ***Notes***:   * The term “regional office” (RO) also includes pension management center (PMC), where appropriate. * The term “Veterans Service Center Manager” (VSCM) also includes Pension Management Center Manager (PMCM), where appropriate. * Unless otherwise noted, the term “claims folder” refers to the official, numbered, Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) repository – whether paper or electronic – for all documentation relating to claims that a Veteran and/or his/her dependent(s) file with VA. * Minor editorial changes have also been made to * reassign alphabetical designations to individual blocks, where necessary, to account for new and/or deleted blocks within a topic * clarify block labels and/or block text, and * bring the document into conformance with M21-1 standards. |

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| Reason(s) for the Change | Citation |
| To add guidance informing the target audience of the section to reference when providing notice to private attorneys and claims agents. | M21-1, Part I, Chapter 3, Section B, Topic 1, Block d.  (I.3.B.1.d) |
| To incorporate guidance that informs the target audience that the RO must send the accredited private attorneys and claims agents a copy of any correspondence regarding the claim they represent. | I.3.B.1.e |

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