

**United States Department of Labor  
Employees' Compensation Appeals Board**

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**In the Matter of W.R., Appellant**

**and**

**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, VA  
MEDICAL CENTER, Philadelphia, PA,  
Employer**  
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) **Docket No. 18-1782**  
) **Issued: March 31, 2025**  
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*Appearances:*

*Russell T. Uliase, Esq., for the appellant  
Office of Solicitor, for the Director*

*Case Submitted on the Record*

**ORDER GRANTING FEE PETITION IN PART**

Before:

ALEC J. KOROMILAS, Chief Judge  
JANICE B. ASKIN, Judge

Counsel for appellant has filed a fee petition in the amount of \$3,517.50.<sup>1</sup> The Board notes that all petitions for approval of fees for representatives' services are considered under the Board's statutory authority found at section 8127 of the Federal Employees' Compensation Act<sup>2</sup> (FECA) and under its *Rules of Procedure* found at section 501.9(e).<sup>3</sup>

As required by the Board's regulations, appellant has been afforded written notice of the fee requested and provided an opportunity to comment on the fee petition.<sup>4</sup> Attached to the fee petition is a signed acknowledgement by appellant consenting to the fee in the amount of \$3,517.50.

The Board, having considered the fee petition and supporting documentation, grants the petition in part and denies the fee petition in part. Enclosed with the fee petition was an itemized

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<sup>1</sup> FECA (5 U.S.C. § 8127(b)) and its implementing regulations (20 C.F.R. § 501.9) require the Board to review each fee petition on its own merits and with regard to the unique facts and issues of each appeal.

<sup>2</sup> 5 U.S.C. § 8127.

<sup>3</sup> 20 C.F.R. § 501.9(e).

<sup>4</sup> *Id.*

statement of services and corresponding fees. The itemized statement, however, includes services that predate and postdate the appeal in Docket No. 18-1782, which was docketed by the Board on September 25, 2018 and the decision issued on May 29, 2019. The services listed for the appeal before the Board between the dates September 25, 2018 and May 29, 2019 total \$887.50. The Board has reviewed the petition in regard to services performed in connection with Docket No. 18-1782 and grants the fee petition in the amount of \$887.50.

Accordingly,

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT** the fee petition in the amount of \$887.50 is granted.

Issued: March 31, 2025  
Washington, DC

Alec J. Koromilas, Chief Judge  
Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

Janice B. Askin, Judge  
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