

³ 20 C.F.R. § 501.9(e).

On appeal, counsel submitted a four-page notice of appeal presenting facts and arguments. By decision dated February 2, 2022, the Board affirmed in part and set aside in part the September 30, 2019 decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP).

On February 21, 2022 counsel submitted a fee petition and statement of services to the Board, requesting approval of fees totaling \$2,225.00. The statement of services, however, appears to include services performed before OWCP. It fails to clearly delineate services performed before the Board. As the fee petition is not limited to the actual time spent in connection with the Board appeal, the requested fees must be denied.⁴ The Board, having considered the fee petition and supporting documentation, denies the fee petition.⁵

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT the fee petition in the amount of \$2,225.00, is denied and may be resubmitted to the Board within 60 days of the date of this order.

Issued: May 29, 2025
Washington, DC

Patricia H. Fitzgerald, Deputy Chief Judge
Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

Janice B. Askin, Judge
Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

Valerie D. Evans-Harrell, Alternate Judge
Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

⁴ See 20 C.F.R. § 501.9(e).

⁵ The Board notes that, under 20 C.F.R. § 501.9(e), "[n]o claim for a fee for legal or other service performed on appeal before the Board is valid unless approved by the Board."⁵ Under 18 U.S.C. § 292, collecting a fee without the approval of the Board may constitute a misdemeanor, subject to fine or imprisonment up to one year, or both.