United States Department of Labor Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

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In the Matter of T.L., Appellant)
and) Docket No. 20-0978) Issued: May 30, 2025
U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, NEW ORLEANS PROCESSING & DISTRIBUTION CENTER,) issued. Way 30, 202.
New Orleans, LA, Employer)
Appearances:	Case Submitted on the Record
Vatroslav Jacob Garbin, Esq., for the appellant	

ORDER DENYING FEE PETITION

Before:

ALEC J. KOROMILAS, Chief Judge PATRICIA H. FITZGERALD, Deputy Chief Judge VALERIE D. EVANS-HARRELL, Alternate Judge

Counsel for appellant has filed a fee petition in the amount of \$1,837.50.¹ 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 Act² (FECA) and under its *Rules of Procedure* found at section 501.9(e).³

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.⁴ No response was received.

Office of Solicitor, for the Director

¹ 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.

² 5 U.S.C. § 8127.

³ 20 C.F.R. § 501.9(e).

⁴ *Id*.

The Board, having considered the fee petition and supporting documentation, denies the fee petition. Enclosed with the fee petition was an itemized statement of services and corresponding fees. The itemized statement, however, includes services dating back to November 2019, which predates the April 3, 2020 appeal in Docket No. 20-0978. The fee petition fails to distinguish the services performed in connection with the present appeal before the Board from the services performed before OWCP. Accordingly,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT the fee petition in the amount of \$1,837.50 is denied and may be resubmitted to the Board within 60 days of the date of this order.

Issued: May 30, 2025 Washington, DC

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

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

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