

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

A.M., Appellant	)	
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and	)	<b>Docket No. 21-0309</b>
	)	<b>Issued: June 25, 2021</b>
<b>DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, U.S.</b>	)	
<b>GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, Las Cruces, NM,</b>	)	
<b>Employer</b>	)	
	)	

*Appearances:*  
Alan J. Shapiro, Esq., for the appellant<sup>1</sup>  
Office of Solicitor, for the Director

*Case Submitted on the Record*

**ORDER DISMISSING APPEAL**

Before:  
ALEC J. KOROMILAS, Chief Judge  
JANICE B. ASKIN, Judge  
VALERIE D. EVANS-HARRELL, Alternate Judge

On December 29, 2020 appellant through counsel, filed a timely appeal from a December 10, 2020 merit decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP). The Clerk of the Appellate Boards assigned Docket No. 21-0309.

In a letter dated and received June 1, 2021, counsel requested that the appeal be dismissed.

The Board has duly considered the matter and concludes that counsel's request for the dismissal of the appeal should be granted. Accordingly,

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<sup>1</sup> In all cases in which a representative has been authorized in a matter before the Board, no claim for a fee for legal or other service performed on appeal before the Board is valid unless approved by the Board. 20 C.F.R. § 501.9(e). No contract for a stipulated fee or on a contingent fee basis will be approved by the Board. *Id.* An attorney or representative's collection of a fee without the Board's approval may constitute a misdemeanor, subject to fine or imprisonment for up to one year or both. *Id.*; see also 18 U.S.C. § 292. Demands for payment of fees to a representative, prior to approval by the Board, may be reported to appropriate authorities for investigation.

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT** appellant's request for the dismissal of the appeal is granted. The appeal docketed as No. 21-0309 is dismissed.

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