

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

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T.L., Appellant))	
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and))	Docket No. 23-0521
))	Issued: September 21, 2023
U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, OKLAHOMA CITY))	
POST OFFICE, Oklahoma City, OK, Employer))	
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Appearances: *Case Submitted on the Record*
*Alan J. Shapiro, Esq., for the appellant*¹
Office of Solicitor, for the Director

ORDER DISMISSING APPEAL

Before:
ALEC J. KOROMILAS, Chief Judge
JANICE B. ASKIN, Judge
JAMES D. MCGINLEY, Alternate Judge

On March 7, 2023 appellant, through counsel, filed a timely appeal from a November 21, 2022 merit decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP). The Clerk of the Appellate Boards assigned Docket No. 23-0521.

In a letter dated August 24, 2023 and received August 25, 2023, appellant requested that the appeal be dismissed.

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

¹ 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. 23-0521 is dismissed.

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