

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

R.J., Appellant)	
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and)	Docket No. 23-1044
)	Issued: September 5, 2023
U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, POST OFFICE,)	
Hazelwood, MO, Employer)	
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<i>Appearances:</i> Alan J. Shapiro, Esq., for the appellant ¹ Office of Solicitor, for the Director	<i>Case Submitted on the Record</i>
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ORDER DISMISSING APPEAL

Before:
ALEC J. KOROMILAS, Chief Judge
VALERIE D. EVANS-HARRELL, Alternate Judge
JAMES D. MCGINLEY, Alternate Judge

On August 2, 2023 appellant, through counsel, filed a timely appeal from a July 10, 2023, merit decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP). The Clerk of the Appellate Boards assigned the appeal Docket No. 23-1044.

In a letter dated and received August 15, 2023, counsel requested that the appeal be withdrawn.

The Board has duly considered the matter and concludes that counsel'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. 23-1044 is dismissed.

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Washington, DC

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