

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

R.R., Appellant	)	
	)	
and	)	Docket No. 24-0045
	)	Issued: February 15, 2024
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS,	)	
PITTSBURG VA MEDICAL CENTER,	)	
Pittsburgh, PA, Employer	)	
	)	

*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  
VALERIE D. EVANS-HARRELL, Alternate Judge  
JAMES D. MCGINLEY, Alternate Judge

On October 27, 2023 appellant, through counsel, filed a timely appeal from an October 12, 2023 merit decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP). The Clerk of the Appellate Boards assigned the appeal Docket No. 24-0045.

In a letter dated and received January 5, 2024, appellant, through counsel, requested that the appeal be withdrawn.

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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.

The Board has duly considered the matter and concludes that appellant's request for the withdrawal of the appeal should be granted.<sup>2</sup> Accordingly,

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT** appellant's request for the withdrawal of the appeal is granted. The appeal docketed as No. 24-0045 is dismissed.

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Washington, DC

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

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

James D. McGinley, Alternate Judge  
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<sup>2</sup> The Board's decisions and orders are final upon the expiration of 30 days from the date of their issuance. 20 C.F.R. § 501.6(d).