

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

M.T., Appellant)	
)	
and)	Docket No. 24-0035
)	Issued: January 25, 2024
DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY, MILITARY)	
SEALIFT COMMAND, Norfolk, VA,)	
Employer)	
)	

Appearances:
Alan J. Shapiro, Esq., for the appellant¹
Office of Solicitor, for the Director

Case Submitted on the Record

ORDER DISMISSING APPEAL

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

On October 19, 2023 appellant, through counsel, filed a timely appeal from an October 4, 2023 merit decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP). The Clerk of the Appellate Boards assigned the appeal Docket No. 24-0035.

In a letter dated and received January 8, 2024, appellant, through counsel, requested that the appeal be dismissed.

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.

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

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT appellant's request for the dismissal of the appeal is granted. The appeal docketed as No. 24-0035 is dismissed.

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Washington, DC

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

Patricia H. Fitzgerald, Deputy Chief Judge
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Valerie D. Evans-Harrell, Alternate Judge
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² 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).