

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

L.W., Appellant

and

**DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY,
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE,
Cincinnati, OH, Employer**

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**Docket No. 26-0382
Issued: June 22, 2026**

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 March 18, 2026 appellant, through counsel filed a timely appeal from a March 11, 2026 merit decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP). The Clerk of the Appellate Boards docketed the appeal as No. 26-0382.

By letter dated May 26, 2026, appellant, through counsel requested that the appeal be withdrawn.

The Board, having duly considered this matter, concludes that appellant's request for the withdrawal of the appeal should be granted.² 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.

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).

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT appellant's request for the withdrawal of the appeal is granted. The appeal docketed as No. 26-0382 is dismissed.

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Washington, DC

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Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

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