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THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
BEFORE
THE OFFICE OF EMPLOYEE APPEALS

In the Matter of:)	
)	OEA Matter No.: 1601-0060-14
MAUREEN MARAT,)	
Employee)	
)	Date of Issuance: August 17, 2015
v.)	
)	
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,)	
Agency)	
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)	
)	Arien P. Cannon, Esq.
)	Administrative Judge
Donald Temple, Esq., Employee Representative		
Rahsaan Dickerson, Esq., Agency Representative		

INITIAL DECISION

INTRODUCTION AND PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

On March 7, 2014, Maureen Murat (“Employee”) filed a Petition for Appeal with the Office of Employee Appeals (“Office” or “OEA”) challenging the Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia’s (“Agency”) decision to remove her from her position as a Paralegal Specialist. I was assigned this matter on August 1, 2014. A Status Conference was held on November 17, 2014, where it was determined that an Evidentiary Hearing was warranted. After being rescheduled, a Prehearing Conference was convened telephonically on June 29, 2015. The Evidentiary Hearing was scheduled for July 9, 2015. Prior to the Evidentiary Hearing, this matter was settled among the parties. Subsequently, on August 14, 2015, Employee submitted a Notice of Dismissal of her appeal. The record is now closed.

JURISDICTION

Jurisdiction of this Office is established in this matter pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 1-606.03 (2001).

ISSUE

Whether Employee's Petition for Appeal should be dismissed based on her voluntary withdrawal as a result of settlement negotiations.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION

D.C. Official Code §1-606.06(b) (2001) states, in pertinent part, that:

If the parties agree to a settlement without a decision on the merits of the case, a settlement agreement, prepared and signed by all parties, shall constitute the final and binding resolution of the appeal, and the [Administrative Judge] shall dismiss the appeal with prejudice.

On August 14, 2015, a Notice of Dismissal was submitted to this Office by and through Employee's counsel. Accordingly, Employee's Petition for Appeal shall be dismissed.

ORDER

It is hereby **ORDERED** that Employee's Petition for Appeal is **DISMISSED** with prejudice.

FOR THE OFFICE:

Arien P. Cannon, Esq.
Administrative Judge