November 13, 2023

CBCA 7808-DBT

In the Matter of REBECCA F.

Rebecca F., Petitioner.

Kimberly I. Thayer, Office of General Counsel, National Tort Claims Center, General Services Administration, Kansas City, MO, appearing for General Services Administration.

SULLIVAN, Board Judge.

The General Services Administration (GSA) sought to collect a debt from petitioner arising from an automobile accident in 2022. The original amount of the debt was \$58,720, which increased to \$80,951.12, through the assessment of penalties, interest, and fees. Petitioner and her insurance company made payments totaling \$26,769, so that the remaining debt owed was \$54,182.12. The matter has been stayed, pending a determination on petitioner's application for bankruptcy protection.

On November 3, 2023, the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of New Jersey issued an order of discharge which discharged petitioner's debts that existed prior to the filing of the bankruptcy petition. 11 U.S.C. § 727 (2018). With this order, GSA may no longer seek to collect the debt through wage garnishment. GSA advises that it knows of no reason why this debt is not discharged.

Given the order of discharge, the matter before the Board is moot. The matter is dismissed.

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MARIAN E. SULLIVAN
Board Judge