

JAN 13 2010

MOLLY C. DWYER, CLERK
U.S. COURT OF APPEALS

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

ROBERT MARTIROSIAN,

Petitioner,

v.

ERIC H. HOLDER Jr., Attorney General,

Respondent.

No. 07-70089

Agency No. A075-666-245

MEMORANDUM*

On Petition for Review of an Order of the
Board of Immigration Appeals

Submitted December 15, 2009**

Before: GOODWIN, WALLACE, and FISHER, Circuit Judges.

Robert Martirosian, a native and citizen of Armenia, petitions for review of the Board of Immigration Appeals' ("BIA") order denying his motion to reopen based on ineffective assistance of counsel. We have jurisdiction pursuant to 8

* This disposition is not appropriate for publication and is not precedent except as provided by 9th Cir. R. 36-3.

** The panel unanimously concludes this case is suitable for decision without oral argument. *See* Fed. R. App. P. 34(a)(2). Accordingly, Martirosian's request for oral argument is denied.

U.S.C. § 1252. We review for abuse of discretion the denial of a motion to reopen, and review de novo ineffective assistance of counsel claims. *Mohammed v. Gonzales*, 400 F.3d 785, 791-92 (9th Cir. 2005). We deny the petition for review.

We agree with the BIA's conclusion that Martirosian did not establish that his former counsel's representation resulted in prejudice, and therefore, Martirosian's ineffective assistance of counsel claim fails. *See Rojas-Garcia v. Ashcroft*, 339 F.3d 814, 826 (9th Cir. 2003) (to prevail on an ineffective assistance claim, petitioner must establish prejudice); *cf. Morales Apolinar v. Mukasey*, 514 F.3d 893, 898-99 (9th Cir. 2008) (determining that petitioner's counsel provided her with prejudicial representation irrespective of counsel's disciplinary record). It follows that the BIA did not violate due process. *See Lata v. INS*, 204 F.3d 1241, 1246 (9th Cir. 2000) (requiring error for a due process violation).

In light of our disposition, we do not reach Martirosian's remaining contentions.

PETITION FOR REVIEW DENIED.