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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

ARTUR STEPANYAN,

Petitioner,

v.

ERIC H. HOLDER, Jr., Attorney General,

Respondent.

No. 07-70919

Agency No. A028-065-842

MEMORANDUM*

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

Submitted September 13, 2010**

Before: SILVERMAN, CALLAHAN, and N.R. SMITH, Circuit Judges.

Artur Stepanyan, a native of the former Soviet Union, petitions for review of the Board of Immigration Appeals' ("BIA") order denying his motion to reopen and reinstate his appeal. We have jurisdiction under 8 U.S.C. § 1252. We review

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** The panel unanimously concludes this case is suitable for decision without oral argument. *See* Fed. R. App. P. 34(a)(2).

for abuse of discretion the BIA's denial of Stepanyan's motion, *Mohammed v. Gonzales*, 400 F.3d 785, 791 (9th Cir. 2005), and we deny the petition for review.

The BIA did not abuse its discretion in denying as untimely Stepanyan's motion to reopen filed more than five years after the agency's final administrative decision. *See* 8 C.F.R. § 1003.2(c)(2) (motion to reopen must generally be filed within 90 days of the final administrative decision). Stepanyan did not contend in his motion to reopen that he failed to receive the BIA's June 8, 2001, order stating that the notice of appeal had been withdrawn, and the record reflects that the BIA sent the order to Stepanyan's address of record.

Stepanyan submitted no evidence to support his claim that his prior attorney lacked his authority to withdraw the appeal. We therefore reject Stepanyan's contention that the BIA acted ultra vires.

PETITION FOR REVIEW DENIED.