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# ARKANSAS COURT OF APPEALS

DIVISION IV

No. E-22-243

NORTH CROSSETT UTILITIES

APPELLANT

V.

DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF  
WORKFORCE SERVICES; AND  
ROBERT TRAVIS

APPELLEES

Opinion Delivered May 17, 2023

APPEAL FROM THE ARKANSAS  
BOARD OF REVIEW

[NO. 2021-BR-04625]

DISMISSED

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## BRANDON J. HARRISON, Chief Judge

North Crossett Utilities appeals an adverse decision from the Arkansas Board of Review regarding a claim for unemployment benefits that Robert Travis made after his employment with the company ended. We dismiss the company's appeal because it is not represented by a licensed attorney and therefore engaged in the unauthorized practice of law when it filed a petition for review in this court. *See, e.g., DeSoto Gathering Co., LLC v. Hill*, 2017 Ark. 326, 531 S.W.3d 396 (holding, among other things, that practicing law includes filing a notice of appeal and businesses cannot represent themselves pro se). In such a case, we must dismiss the appeal as null and void.

Dismissed.

ABRAMSON and VIRDEN, JJ., agree.

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