

UNPUBLISHED

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT

No. 03-1536

HIWOT WOREDE,

Petitioner,

versus

JOHN ASHCROFT, Attorney General,

Respondent.

On Petition for Review of an Order of the Board of Immigration Appeals. (A76-416-564)

Submitted: November 26, 2003

Decided: April 28, 2004

Before LUTTIG and WILLIAMS, Circuit Judges, and HAMILTON, Senior Circuit Judge.

Petition denied by unpublished per curiam opinion.

H. Glenn Fogle, Jr., THE FOGLE LAW FIRM, L.L.C., Atlanta, Georgia, for Petitioner. Peter D. Keisler, Assistant Attorney General, Carl H. McIntyre, Jr., Senior Litigation Counsel, Patricia A. Smith, Civil Division, Office of Immigration Litigation, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, Washington, D.C., for Respondent.

Unpublished opinions are not binding precedent in this circuit. See Local Rule 36(c).

PER CURIAM:

Hiwot Worede, a native and citizen of Ethiopia, petitions for review of an order of the Board of Immigration Appeals ("Board") affirming an immigration judge's ruling and denying relief on her application for asylum and withholding of removal. We find that the Board's conclusion that Worede failed to establish past persecution or a well-founded fear of future persecution as necessary to qualify for relief from deportation was not "manifestly contrary to the law and an abuse of discretion." 8 U.S.C. § 1252(b)(4)(D) (2000); INS v. Elias-Zacarias, 502 U.S. 478, 481 (1992); Huaman-Cornelio v. Bd. of Immigration Appeals, 979 F.2d 995, 999 (4th Cir. 1992).

Accordingly, we deny the petition for review. We dispense with oral argument because the facts and legal contentions are adequately presented in the materials before the court and argument would not aid the decisional process.

PETITION DENIED