

REGULAR MEETING OF THE
OKLAHOMA WORKERS' COMPENSATION
COMMISSION

APPEALS

Friday February 1, 2019
9:00 a.m.
Commission Chambers
1915 N. Stiles Ave.
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
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AGENDA

CALL TO ORDERPresiding Appellate Officer, Chairman Liotta

ROLL CALLPresiding Appellate Officer, Chairman Liotta

BUSINESSPresiding Appellate Officer, Chairman Liotta

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE BY CHAIRMAN

A. MINUTES:

- The drafted Minutes of the Regular Appeal Meeting of November 30, 2018, will be considered for approval.

THE FOLLOWING MATTERS ARE PRESENTED FOR CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF ANY, DEEMED APPROPRIATE BY THE COMMISSION

B. Appeal Hearings before the Commission En Banc from Orders Issued by the Commission's Administrative Law Judges

The hearings before the Commission en banc will be conducted pursuant to the authority and jurisdiction of the Administrative Workers' Compensation Act, Title 85A O.S. §1 et seq., and the Workers' Compensation Commission's Permanent Rules, OAC 810. The Commissioners may recess for lunch.

The procedure for the hearings before the Commission en banc is as follows:

- Each side will be allowed ten (10) minutes for oral arguments.
- The appellant will present first. Appellant may divide his or her ten minutes for argument, allowing a portion of that time for rebuttal.
- Both parties are subject to questioning by Commissioners.

1. Alicia A. Breuer v. Bounce Back Rehab PLC, & State Farm Fire and Casualty Co., File #CM2017-02739F

Claimant filed an appeal from the order issued by Administrative Law Judge Inhofe. Robert A. Flynn is the attorney of record for the Claimant. Norman Lemonik is the attorney of record for the Respondent.

Possible Action:

Possible action may include, but is not limited to: taking no action; affirming the order and decision of the Administrative Law Judge and issuing an order to that effect, or taking preliminary action in the matter to reverse, modify, remand or if otherwise do not fully affirm the order of the Administrative Law Judge and instructing the Appellate Counsel or other staff member to draft a proposed order to be considered in further deliberations at a future Commission meeting, or continuing the matter.

2. Bovas George v. Synergies 3 Tec Services LLC, and North American Specialty Insurance Co. File #CM2017-05267Q

Respondent filed an appeal from the order issued by Administrative Law Judge Lawyer. Esther M. Sanders is the attorney of record for the Claimant and Erin R. Israel is the attorney of record for the Respondent.

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3. Brian A. Cobb v. Insperity Inc., and Indemnity Insurance Co. of North America File #CM2017-05431Y

Respondent filed an appeal from the order issued by Administrative Law Judge Lawyer. Bret A. Untershuetz is the attorney of record for the Claimant and Paul A. Scott is the attorney of record for the Respondent.

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other staff member to draft a proposed order to be considered in further deliberations at a future Commission meeting, or continuing the matter.

4. Dustin Wilson V. Dirt Wurx LLC, Compsource Mutual Ins. Co. (FKA Compsource Oklahoma), File #CM2018-00497R

Respondent filed an appeal from the order issued by Administrative Law Judge Inhofe. Robert A. Flynn is the attorney of record for the Claimant and Blake I. Whitten is the attorney of record for the Respondent.

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5. Roger Bastien v. Mathis Brothers Furniture Co. Inc., (Own Risk #19602), File #CM2018-00536A

Respondent filed an appeal from the order issued by Administrative Law Judge Lawyer. Arthur H. Adams is the attorney of record for the Claimant. Cathy C. Barnum & David B. Custar are the attorneys of record for the Respondent.

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6. Jennifer O'Neal v. Wal Mart Stores Inc., (Own Risk #20000), File #CM2017-03276Y

Claimant filed an appeal from the order issued by Administrative Law Judge Inhofe. Eric W. Quandt & Darrel R. Paul are the attorneys of record for the Claimant and Jordan S. Ensley is the attorney of record for the Respondent.

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7. Kristal Nicholson v. University of Oklahoma, (Own Risk #14839), File #CM2018-01658J

Respondent filed an appeal from the order issued by Administrative Law Judge Lawyer. Eric W. Quandt is the attorney of record for the Claimant and D. Wade Christensen is the attorney of record for the Respondent.

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8. Sherry A. Coffman v. Cornerstone Healthcare Group Management Services and Great American Alliance Insurance Co., File #CM2017-01612A

Respondent filed an appeal from the order issued by Administrative Law Judge Egan. Sherry A. Coffman is pro se. and John Shears is the attorney of record for the Respondent.

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C. Commission Consideration of Adoption of Final Order in the Following Cases:

1. Matthew Penderson v. City of Tulsa (Own Risk #10435) File #CM2017-07906H

Claimant filed an appeal from the order issued by Administrative Law Judge Egan. Darrel Paul represented the Claimant and Travis R. Colt represented the Respondent.

This case came on for Oral Argument on October 19, 2018. After reviewing the record, hearing oral argument of counsel, and deliberating, the Commission took this case under advisement. A proposed order has been distributed to the Commissioners for consideration of adoption.

Possible Action:

Possible action may include, but is not limited to: taking no action, adopting the order as proposed or as modified at the hearing, or continuing the matter.

2. James E. Dunlap v. MITF, File # CM2015-08328XMIF

Claimant filed an appeal from the order issued by Administrative Law Judge Curtin. Joe Farnan represented the Claimant. Michael Fagan represented the Respondent.

This case came on for Oral Argument on November 30, 2018. After reviewing the record hearing oral argument of counsel, and deliberating, the Commission took to continue this case for consideration at a future meeting. A proposed order has been distributed to the Commissioners for consideration of adoption.

Possible Action:

Possible action may include, but is not limited to: taking no action, adopting the order as proposed or as modified at the hearing, or continuing the matter.

3. Billy J. Schmidt v. MITF, File #CM2016-02288JMIF

Claimant filed an appeal from the order issued by Administrative Law Judge Curtin. Joe Farnan represented the Claimant and Michael Fagan represented the Respondent.

This case came on for Oral Argument on November 30, 2018. After reviewing the record, hearing oral argument of counsel, and deliberating, the Commission took this case under advisement. A proposed order has been distributed to the Commissioners for consideration of adoption.

Possible Action:

Possible action may include, but is not limited to: taking no action, adopting the order as proposed or as modified at the hearing, or continuing the matter.

4. Tyler Henderson v. City of Tulsa (Own Risk #10435), File #CM2017-03933A

Claimant filed an appeal from the order issued by Administrative Law Judge Curtin. Michael R. Green represented the Claimant and Travis R. Colt represented the Respondent.

This case came on for Oral Argument on November 30, 2018. After reviewing the record, hearing oral argument of counsel, and deliberating, the Commission took this case under advisement. A proposed order has been distributed to the Commissioners for consideration of adoption.

Possible Action:

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D. Announcements

Commission's next special business meeting is Thursday, February 14, 2019. Commission's next regular meeting regarding Appeals is scheduled for Friday, February 22, 2019.

ADJOURNMENT.....Presiding Appellate Officer, Chairman Liotta