### REGULAR MEETING OF THE OKLAHOMA WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION

### APPEALS

Friday, April 19, 2024 9:00 a.m. Commission En Banc Courtroom 1915 N. Stiles Ave. Oklahoma City, Oklahoma <u>www.wcc.ok.gov</u>

### AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER ......Commission's Chair, Chairman Russell

ROLL CALL ...... Presiding Appellate Officer, Commissioner Tilly

BUSINESS ...... Presiding Appellate Officer, Commissioner Tilly

#### **\*STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE BY CHAIRMAN\***

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

#### A. MINUTES:

• The drafted Minutes of the Regular Appeals Meeting of February 23, 2024 will be considered for approval.

#### B. <u>Appeal Hearings before the Commission En Banc from Orders Issued by the</u> <u>Commission's Administrative Law Judges</u>

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. <u>Adelaide Sims v. Lankmark Recovery of Oklahoma City OPS LLC and General</u> <u>Casualty Company of Wisconsin, File #CM3-2022-00330L</u>

Claimant filed an appeal from the order issued by Administrative Law Judge Inhofe. Claimant is representing herself, pro se and Nicole S. Bryant is the attorney of record for the Respondent.

#### Possible Action:

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## 2. Jordan Girouard v. Arcosa Wind Towers Inc. and AIU Insurance Co. (NATIONAL UNION FIRE OF PITTS PA), File #CM3-2022-04769T

Claimant filed an appeal from the order issued by Administrative Law Judge Lawyer. Claimant is representing himself, pro se and Travis A. Fulkerson is the attorney of record for the Respondent.

#### **Possible Action:**

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#### 3. <u>Sheridan Greenhaw v. St. John Medical Center, Inc. and Ascension Health Alliance,</u> <u>File #CM3-2022-06820R</u>

**Cross** Respondent filed an appeal from the order issued by Administrative Law Judge Lawyer. Michael R. Green is the attorney of record for the Claimant and Daniel C. Blanchard is the attorney of record for the Respondent.

#### **Possible Action:**

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#### 4. <u>Travis Dukes v. Plan B Services and Solutions, File #CM3C-2022-03376P</u>

Claimant filed an appeal from the order issued by Administrative Law Judge Egan. Esther M. Sanders is the attorney of record for the Claimant and Kenneth L. Brune is the attorney of record for the Respondent.

#### **Possible Action:**

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#### 5. Jose Bosquez v. MITF, File #CM3F-2019-07162L

Claimant filed an appeal from the order issued by Administrative Law Judge Curtin. Alex Forbes is the attorney of record for the Claimant and Stefan Wenzel is the attorney of record for the Respondent.

#### **Possible Action:**

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#### 6. <u>Arlena Davenport v. Daylight Donuts and State Farm Fire and Casualty Co., File</u> <u>#CM3-2020-06662A</u>

Respondent filed an appeal from the order issued by Administrative Law Judge McMillin. Eric W. Quandt is the attorney of record for the Claimant. Jordan S. Ensley and Jennifer Finley are the attorneys of record for the Respondent.

#### **Possible Action:**

Possible action may include, but is not limited to: taking no action; continuing the matter; 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, or remand. If the Commissioners do not fully affirm the order of the Administrative Law Judge, the Commission may instruct Appellate Counsel or staff to draft a proposed order to be considered in further deliberations and at a future Commission meeting.

#### C. <u>Commission Consideration of Adoption of Final Order in the Following Cases:</u>

# 1. James Brock v. Starlight Express LLC and Compsource Mutual Ins. Co. (FKA COMPSOURCE OKLAHOMA), File #CM3-2021-04119R

Claimant filed an appeal from the order issued by Administrative Law Judge Egan. Susan H. Jones appeared for the Claimant and Travis R. Colt appeared for the Respondent.

This case came on for Oral Argument on September 22, 2023. After reviewing the record, hearing oral arguments, and deliberating, Chairman Russell moved to preliminary action to reverse the order sustaining Respondent's request for dismissal of certain body parts and authorize the Commission's appellate counsel or other staff member to draft a proposed order findings and facts and conclusion of law to be considered for continued action at a future meeting.

#### **Possible Action:**

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#### 2. Jimmy Mills v. Gary A. Crain Inc. and Imperium Insurance Co., File #CM3-2020-00795Q

Claimant filed an appeal from the order issued by Administrative Law Judge Curtin. Daniel J. Talbot appeared for the Claimant and R. Jay McAtee appeared for the Respondent.

This case came on for Oral Argument on September 22, 2023. After reviewing the record, hearing oral arguments, and deliberating, Chairman Russell moved to take this case under advisement.

#### **Possible Action:**

Possible action may include, but is not limited to: taking no action; continuing the matter; 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, or remand. If the Commissioners do not fully affirm the order of the Administrative Law Judge, the Commission may instruct Appellate Counsel or staff to draft a proposed order to be considered in further deliberations and at a future Commission meeting.

#### 3. <u>Kevin Power v. Flow Testing Inc. and Compsource Mutual Ins. Co. (FKA</u> <u>COMPSOURCE OKLAHOMA), File #CM3-2020-02016R</u>

Claimant filed an appeal from the order issued by Administrative Law Judge Egan. J. Kord Hammert appeared the Claimant and David J. Frette appeared for the Respondent.

This case came on for Oral Argument on September 22, 2023. After reviewing the record, hearing oral arguments, and deliberating, Commissioner Biggs moved to take this case under advisement.

#### **Possible Action:**

Possible action may include, but is not limited to: taking no action; continuing the matter; 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, or remand. If the Commissioners do not fully affirm the order of the Administrative Law Judge, the Commission may instruct Appellate Counsel or staff to draft a proposed order to be considered in further deliberations and at a future Commission meeting.

#### 4. Rachel Fritz v. City of Tulsa (OWN RISK #10435), File #CM3-2019-06216R

Claimant filed an appeal from the order issued by Administrative Law Judge Inhofe. Anthony Blair appeared for the Claimant and Jordan S. Ensley appeared for the Respondent.

This case came on for Oral Argument on December 1, 2023. After reviewing the record, hearing oral arguments, and deliberating, Commissioner Tilly moved to take preliminary action to reverse the Administrative Law Judge's order on the TTD issue.

#### **Possible Action:**

Possible action may include, but is not limited to: taking no action; continuing the matter; 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, or remand. If the Commissioners do not fully affirm the order of the Administrative Law Judge, the Commission may instruct Appellate Counsel or staff to draft a proposed order to be considered in further deliberations and at a future Commission meeting.

## 5. <u>Charles Caul v. Shelton Redi Mix LLC and Ins. Co. of the West, File #CM3-2023-00661K</u>

Respondent filed an appeal from the order issued by Administrative Law Judge Lawyer. Kathyrn Black appeared for the Claimant and David Custar appeared for the Respondent.

This case came on for Oral Argument on January 26, 2024. After reviewing the record, hearing oral arguments, and deliberating, Commissioner Biggs moved to take this case under advisement.

#### **Possible Action:**

Possible action may include, but is not limited to: taking no action; continuing the matter; 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, or remand. If the Commissioners do not fully affirm the order of the Administrative Law Judge, the Commission may instruct Appellate Counsel or staff to draft a proposed order to be considered in further deliberations and at a future Commission meeting.

#### 6. <u>Juliette Santos v. The Kaiser Group Inc. DBA Dynamic, Compsource Mutual</u> <u>Insurance Company, Ross Innovative Employment Solutions, and QBE Insurance</u> <u>Corporation, File #CM3A-2021-05456Q</u>

Respondent filed an appeal from the order issued by Administrative Law Judge Inhofe. Anthony F. Gorospe is the attorney of record for the Claimant. Stan Koop, Connor Brittingham, and Nicole S. Bryant appeared for the Respondents.

This case came on for Oral Argument on February 23, 2024. After reviewing the record, hearing oral arguments, and deliberating, Commissioner Tilly moved to take preliminary action to reverse the Administrative Law Judge's order in part and reserve the right to request additional briefing from the parties via order of the Chairman.

#### **Possible Action:**

Possible action may include, but is not limited to: taking no action; continuing the matter; 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, or remand. If the Commissioners do not fully affirm the order of the Administrative Law Judge, the Commission may instruct Appellate Counsel or staff to draft a proposed order to be considered in further deliberations and at a future Commission meeting.

#### 7. <u>Lewis Buchtel v. Bennett International Group LLC and AIU Insurance Co.</u> (NATIONAL UNION FIRE OF PITTS PA), File #CM3-2023-00209K

Respondent filed an appeal from the order issued by Administrative Law Judge Egan. Pam Cornett appeared for the Claimant and Connie M. Wolfe appeared for the Respondent.

This case came on for Oral Argument on February 23, 2024. After reviewing the record, hearing oral arguments, and deliberating, Commissioner Tilly moved to take preliminary action to affirm the order and instruct the Appellate Counsel to draft a proposed order for commission deliberation, to be considered at a later date.

#### Possible Action:

Possible action may include, but is not limited to: taking no action; continuing the matter; 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, or remand. If the Commissioners do not fully affirm the order of the Administrative Law Judge, the Commission may instruct Appellate Counsel or staff to draft a proposed order to be considered in further deliberations and at a future Commission meeting.

#### ADJOURNMENT......Presiding Appellate Officer, Commissioner Tilly