

# NOT DESIGNATED FOR PUBLICATION

BEFORE THE ARKANSAS WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION

CLAIM NO. C808856

LARRY CRAVEN,  
EMPLOYEE

CLAIMANT

UNITED BRANDS COMPANY,  
EMPLOYER

RESPONDENT

LIBERTY MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY,  
INSURANCE CARRIER

RESPONDENT

OPINION FILED FEBRUARY 9, 2005

Upon review before the FULL COMMISSION in Little Rock,  
Pulaski County, Arkansas.

Claimant represented by the HONORABLE FRED CADDELL,  
Attorney at Law, Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Respondents represented by the HONORABLE JAMES ARNOLD,  
II, Attorney at Law, Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Decision of Administrative Law Judge: Affirmed and  
Adopted.

## OPINION AND ORDER

Respondents appeal an opinion and order of the  
Administrative Law Judge filed September 9, 2004. In  
said order, the Administrative Law Judge made the  
following findings of fact and conclusions of law:

1. The Arkansas Workers' Compensation  
Commission has jurisdiction of this claim.
2. On May 24, 1978, the relationship of  
employee-employer-carrier existed between the  
parties.
3. The claimant sustained a compensable  
injury to his left leg on May 24, 1978.

4. The claimant has proven by a preponderance of the evidence that his hypertension and elevated blood pressure is as a result of his compensable injury.

5. The respondents should pay for this claimant's medication for his high blood pressure.

6. The respondents have controverted the compensability of the claimant's hypertension and his need for medications for his high blood pressure.

7. The claimant's attorney is entitled to the maximum statutory attorney's fee based on the benefits awarded herein.

We have carefully conducted a de novo review of the entire record herein and it is our opinion that the Administrative Law Judge's decision is supported by a preponderance of the credible evidence, correctly applies the law, and should be affirmed. Specifically, we find from a preponderance of the evidence that the findings made by the Administrative Law Judge are correct and they are, therefore, adopted by the Full Commission.

We therefore affirm the September 9, 2004 decision of the Administrative Law Judge, including all findings of fact and conclusions of law therein, and adopt the opinion as the decision of the Full Commission on appeal.

All accrued benefits shall be paid in a lump sum without discount and with interest thereon at the lawful rate from the date of the Administrative Law Judge's decision in accordance with Ark. Code Ann. § 11-9-809 (Repl. 2002).

Since the claimant's injury occurred prior to July 1, 2001, the claimant's attorney's fee is governed by the provisions of Ark. Code Ann. § 11-9-715 as it existed prior to the amendments of Act 1281 of 2001. Compare Ark. Code Ann. § 11-9-715 (Repl. 1996) with Ark. Code Ann. § 11-9-715 (Repl. 2002). For prevailing on this appeal before the Full Commission, claimant's attorney is hereby awarded an additional attorney's fee in the amount of \$250.00 in accordance with Ark. Code Ann. § 11-9-715(b) (Repl. 1996).

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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OLAN W. REEVES, Chairman

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SHELBY W. TURNER, Commissioner

Commissioner McKinney dissents.