

**NOT DESIGNATED FOR PUBLICATION**

BEFORE THE ARKANSAS WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION

CLAIM NO. F900074

VERLA BLEES, EMPLOYEE	CLAIMANT
MOUNTAIN PINE SCHOOL DISTRICT, SELF-INSURED EMPLOYER	RESPONDENT
ARKANSAS SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOC. WCT, CARRIER	RESPONDENT

OPINION FILED SEPTEMBER 29, 2009

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

Claimant represented by HONORABLE DONALD C. PULLEN, Attorney at Law, Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Respondent represented by HONORABLE MELISSA WOOD, Attorney at Law, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Decision of Administrative Law Judge: Affirmed and Adopted.

OPINION AND ORDER

Respondent appeals from a decision of the Administrative Law Judge filed June 22, 2009.

The Administrative Law Judge entered the following findings of fact and conclusions of law:

1. There was a December 9, 2008, employer-employee relationship.
2. The compensation rates are \$218/163.
3. The claimant has proven by a preponderance of the evidence that she sustained a compensable injury to her hand in the course and scope of her employment and while performing employment services.

4. Respondents are responsible for the reasonable and necessary medical the claimant has pursued.
5. The claimant has proven by a preponderance of the evidence that she remained in her healing period and did not return to work from January 5, 2009 through February 18, 2009. Respondents are responsible for the temporary total disability benefits.
6. The claimant's attorney is entitled to the maximum statutory attorney's fee on benefits awarded herein, one-half of which is to be paid by claimant and one-half to be paid by respondents in accordance with Ark. Code Ann. §11-9-715 and Arkansas Workers' Compensation Rules and Regulations, Rule 10.

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 of fact made by the Administrative Law Judge are correct and they are, therefore, adopted by the Full Commission.

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). For prevailing on this appeal before the Full Commission,

claimant's attorney is hereby awarded an additional attorney's fee in the amount of \$500.00 in accordance with Ark Code Ann. § 11-9-715 (Repl. 2002).

Thus, we affirm and adopt the decision of the Administrative Law Judge, including all findings and conclusions therein, as the decision of the Full Commission on appeal.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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A. WATSON BELL, Chairman

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PHILIP A. HOOD, Commissioner

Commissioner McKinney dissents.