

NOT DESIGNATED FOR PUBLICATION

BEFORE THE ARKANSAS WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION

CLAIM NOS. G004043 & G101211

CAROLYN HILL, EMPLOYEE	CLAIMANT
SCROLL TECHNOLOGIES, EMPLOYER	RESPONDENT
LIBERTY MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY, INSURANCE CARRIER	RESPONDENT NO. 1
TRAVELERS INSURANCE COMPANY, INSURANCE CARRIER	RESPONDENT NO. 2

OPINION FILED NOVEMBER 18, 2011

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

Claimant appeared *pro se*.

Respondent No. 1 represented by the HONORABLE MICHAEL E. RYBURN, Attorney at Law, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Respondent No. 2 represented by the HONORABLE PHILLIP CUFFMAN, Attorney at Law, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Decision of Administrative Law Judge: Affirmed and Adopted.

OPINION AND ORDER

Respondents appeal an opinion and order of the Administrative Law Judge filed July 8, 2011. 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 over this claim.

2. The stipulations agreed to by the parties are hereby accepted as fact.
3. A preponderance of the credible evidence proves that the claimant's physical problems and need for medical treatment beginning July 21, 2010, are the result of a recurrence of claimant's cumulative trauma injuries to both hands and/or a compensable consequence thereof. Specifically, a preponderance of the credible evidence, shows that the claimant's right middle finger injury was caused by her returning to work prematurely and over-compensating for her admitted injuries.
4. The claimant's right middle finger injury has been established by medical evidence supported by objective findings.
5. Respondent #1, Liberty Mutual Insurance Company, is responsible for all hospital, medical and related treatment, including surgery to correct the claimant's right third trigger finger.
6. Issues not addressed herein are specifically reserved.

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 July 8, 2011, 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 after July 1, 2001, the claimant's attorney's fee is governed by the provisions of Ark. Code Ann. § 11-9-715 as amended by 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 \$500.00 in accordance with Ark. Code Ann. § 11-9-715(b) (Repl. 2002).

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IT IS SO ORDERED.

A. WATSON BELL, Chairman

PHILIP A. HOOD, Commissioner

Commissioner McKinney dissents.