

**WORKERS' COMPENSATION APPEALS BOARD
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

CARMEN SOTO, *Applicant*

vs.

**ADP TOTAL SOURCE, INC./LOVIN ENTERPRISES dba
DREAM GIRL INTERNATIONAL;
AMERICAN HOME ASSURANCE, administered by
HELMSMAN SERVICES, *Defendants***

Adjudication Number: ADJ11413526

Van Nuys District Office

**OPINION AND DECISION
AFTER RECONSIDERATION**

It has come to the attention of the Appeals Board that, while this matter has been pending on reconsideration¹, the parties have reached a proposed settlement.

Since the District Office is precluded from acting on a case while it is pending on reconsideration (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 8, § 10961), in order to permit review by the workers' compensation administrative law judge (WCJ) of the proposed settlement, we will rescind the decision from which reconsideration is sought and return this matter to the trial level for the WCJ to consider the proposed settlement. If the WCJ does not approve the settlement, the WCJ may issue an order reinstating the original decision and any aggrieved person may timely seek reconsideration from the reinstated decision. This is not a final decision on the merits of any of the issues pending on reconsideration.

¹ Commissioner Lowe, who was on the panel that issued the order no longer serves on the Appeals Board. Commissioner Dodd, who was on the panel that issued the order is not presently available to participate. Panel members have been assigned in their place.

For the foregoing reasons,

IT IS ORDERED as the Decision After Reconsideration of the Workers' Compensation Appeals Board that the WCJ's decision of July 15, 2020 is **RESCINDED** and this matter is **RETURNED** to the trial level for further proceedings and decision by the WCJ.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION APPEALS BOARD

/s/ JOSÉ H. RAZO, COMMISSIONER

I CONCUR,

/s/ ANNE SCHMITZ, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

/s/ JOSEPH V. CAPURRO, COMMISSIONER



DATED AND FILED AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

October 30, 2023

SERVICE MADE ON THE ABOVE DATE ON THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW AT THEIR ADDRESSES SHOWN ON THE CURRENT OFFICIAL ADDRESS RECORD.

**CARMEN SOTO
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BRADFORD & BARTHEL**

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I certify that I affixed the official seal of the
Workers' Compensation Appeals Board to this
original decision on this date. *mc*