

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

**MICHAEL YOUNG, *Applicant***

**vs.**

**WARNER BROS. ENTERTAINMENT, INC., *Defendant***

**Adjudication Number: ADJ9762936  
Van Nuys District Office**

**OPINION AND DECISION  
AFTER RECONSIDERATION**

Lien claimant, Motion Picture Industry Pension and Health Plans (MPHP) petitioned for reconsideration of the Supplemental Findings of Fact, Award and Order issued by the workers' compensation administrative law judge (WCJ) in this matter on March 25, 2022. In that decision, the WCJ found that applicant, Michael Young, while employed on December 22, 2014, by defendant, Warner Bros. Entertainment, Inc., sustained injury arising out of and in the course of employment to his cervical and lumbar spine, kidneys (in the form of cancer), and in the form of tricuspid valve regurgitation. The WCJ also found that MPHP failed to meet its burden of proving that it is entitled to recovery on its lien claim for the cost of medical treatment provided applicant. The WCJ therefore ordered that the lien claim of MPHP be disallowed.

MPHP contends in its petition for reconsideration that the WCJ erred in disallowing MPHP's lien claim.

The WCJ issued a report in which he recommended that the petition for reconsideration be denied.

After we requested that counsel for defendant and for MPHP participate in a mediation conference, they reached an agreement to resolve MPHP's lien claim. They memorialized the agreement in a stipulation filed on July 13, 2022, which provides that defendant will pay MPHP \$215,000 in full satisfaction of the lien claim.

Having reviewed the agreement, we will issue an order rescinding the order of the WCJ disallowing MPHP's lien claim.

Finally, we commend the parties for engaging in good faith negotiations and successfully resolving this matter without the need for further litigation.

For the foregoing reasons,

**IT IS ORDERED** as the Decision After Reconsideration of the Workers' Compensation Appeals Board that the Supplemental Findings of Fact, Award and Order issued on March 25, 2022, is **AFFIRMED** except that it is **AMENDED** so that: (1) Finding of Fact 2 reads as follows: "The lien claim of Motion Picture Industry Pension and Health Plans has been resolved by agreement with defendant Warner Bros. Entertainment, Inc.," and (2) the Order disallowing the lien of Motion Picture Industry Pension and Health Plans is rescinded.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the Stipulation of lien claimant Motion Picture Industry Pension and Health Plans and Warner Bros. Entertainment, Inc., filed July 13 2022, be **APPROVED**.

**WORKERS' COMPENSATION APPEALS BOARD**

/s/ KATHERINE A. ZALEWSKI, CHAIR

**I CONCUR,**

/s/ MARGUERITE SWEENEY, COMMISSIONER

/s/ JOSÉ H. RAZO, COMMISSIONER



**DATED AND FILED AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA**

**July 25, 2022**

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

**LISTER, MARTIN & THOMPSON  
LAW OFFICES OF PATRICK J. BRAULT**

**DH/ara**

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