# WORKERS' COMPENSATION APPEALS BOARD STATE OF CALIFORNIA

#### CHRISTOPHER RENFRO, Applicant

VS.

## YOUNG'S COMMERCIAL TRANSPORT; NATIONAL INTERSTATE COMPANY, Defendants

Adjudication Number: ADJ9859125 Fresno District Office

## OPINION AND ORDER DISMISSING PETITIONS FOR DISQUALIFICATION

Applicant, in pro per, has filed two pleadings: (1) a Motion to Renew Disqualification of Judge Geoffrey Simms in the Matter of Renfo v. Youngs Commercial Transfer, filed on February 2, 2021 and (2) a Motion to Renew Disqualification of Judge Geoffrey Simms in the Matter of Renfo v. Youngs Commercial Transfer, filed on February 3, 2021. We will treat both pleadings as Petitions for Disqualification. Based on our review of the petitions and the record in this matter, we will dismiss the petitions as successive.

To the extent that the petitions challenge our prior December 21, 2020 Opinion and Orders Granting Petition for Reconsideration; Denying Petition for Disqualification; and Decision After Reconsideration, they are successive. It is well settled that where a party fails to prevail on a prior petition, the Appeals Board will not entertain a successive petition by that party unless the party is newly aggrieved. (See *Goodrich v. Industrial Acc. Com.* (1943) 22 Cal.2d 604, 611 [8 Cal.Comp.Cases 177]; see also *Ramsey v. Workmen's Comp. Appeals Bd.* (1971) 18 Cal.App.3d 155, 159 [36 Cal.Comp.Cases 382]; see also *Crowe Glass Co. v. Industrial Acc. Com. (Graham)* (1927) 84 Cal.App. 287, 293-295 [14 IAC 221].). It is improper for applicant to file multiple petitions that attempt to relitigate issues that have already been determined against him.

For the foregoing reasons,

IT IS ORDERED that the Petitions for Disqualification are DISMISSED.

#### WORKERS' COMPENSATION APPEALS BOARD

#### /s/ DEIDRA E. LOWE, COMMISSIONER

I CONCUR,

/s/ JOSÉ H. RAZO, COMMISSIONER



# /s/ PATRICIA A. GARCIA, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

### DATED AND FILED AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

**November 10, 2021** 

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

CHRISTOPHER RENFRO MICHAEL SULLIVAN & ASSOCIATES

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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. *abs*