

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

ANTONINA SALAMAT, *Applicant*

**SBM SITE SERVICES;
SAFETY NATIONAL CASUALTY CORP., administered by
CANNON COCHRAN MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC., *Defendants***

**Adjudication Numbers: ADJ19203396, ADJ19457849
San Jose District Office**

**OPINION AND ORDER OF
ATTORNEY'S FEES (Lab. Code, § 5801)**

The Sixth Appellate District Court of Appeal (the Court) issued an order on October 1, 2025 denying a petition for writ of review filed by counsel for defendants, Llarena, Murdock, Lopez & Aziza, APC, in this matter, and remanded the matter to the Appeals Board for the purpose of making a supplemental award *to respondent Antonina Salamat* for reasonable attorney's fees for services rendered in connection with this petition. (Lab. Code, § 5801.)" (Order, October 1, 2025, emphasis added.) The Court's order was based on its finding "that there was no reasonable basis for the petition (See Lab. Code, § 5950; *Maranian v. Workers' Comp. Appeals Bd.* (2000) 81 Cal.App.4th 1068, 1074.)" (*Ibid.*)

Labor Code section 5801 states in pertinent part:

In the event the injured employee or the dependent of a deceased employee prevails in any petition by the employer for a writ of review from an award of the appeals board and the reviewing court finds that there is no reasonable basis for the petition, *it shall remand the cause to the appeals board for the purpose of making a supplemental award awarding to the injured employee or his attorney, or the dependent of a deceased employee or his attorney a reasonable attorney's fee for services rendered in connection with the petition for writ of review. Any such fee shall be in addition to the amount of compensation otherwise recoverable and shall be paid as part of the award by the party liable to pay such award.*

(Lab. Code, § 5801, emphasis added.)

The parties entered into a stipulation to resolve the Court's order that the Appeals Board issue a supplemental award of reasonable attorney fees pursuant to Labor Code section 5801:

LLARENA, MURDOCK, LOPEZ, & AZIZA, APC AGREES TO PAY AND APPLICANT'S ATTORNEY AGREES TO ACCEPT \$15,000.00 IN FULL AND FINAL SATISFACTION OF THEIR CLAIM FOR ATTORNEYS' FEES PURSUAT [*sic*] TO LABOR CODE SECTION 5801 (PREPARATION OF THE RESPONSE TO DEFENDANT'S PETITION FOR WRIT OF REVIEW), INTEREST AND PENALTIES ARE INCLUDED AND LLARENA, MURDOCK, LOPEZ, & AZIZA, APC AGREES TO MAKE PAYMENT WITHIN 30 (THIRTY) DAYS OF THE DATE THE BOARD SERVES THE STIP & AWARD. PARTIES TO BE SERVED ARE APPLICANT'S COUNSEL, DEFENSE COUNSEL, AND THE WCAB ONLY.

PAYMENT TO ISSUE AS FOLLOWS:
THE BLEDSOE LAW FIRM
330 W. HEDDING ST., STE. 100
SAN JOSE, CA 95510

(Stipulation, December 5, 2025.)

We have reviewed the writ proceedings in this matter and the parties' Stipulation and find that the amount of \$15,000.00 is a reasonable attorney's fee for services rendered therein. We find nothing in the record to oppose the parties' agreement. However, the Court's Order was that applicant Antonina Salamat be the beneficiary of the supplemental award; therefore, in order to conform the parties' agreement to the Court's Order, we will order that defendant's counsel issue the payment to *both* applicant Antonina Salamat and applicant's attorney, The Bledsoe Law Firm. We will also conform any proof of service to the official address record in this case and will not be excluding applicant from service. Finally, we note that payment to applicant "shall be in addition to the amount of compensation otherwise recoverable and shall be paid as part of the award by the party liable to pay such award." (Lab. Code, § 5801.)

Accordingly, we award the reasonable attorney's fee pursuant to the parties' stipulation and the Court's order to applicant and her counsel, The Bledsoe Law Firm, in the amount of \$15,000.00 in full and final satisfaction of any claim for a reasonable attorney's fee under Labor Code section 5801.

For the foregoing reasons,

IT IS ORDERED AND AWARDED that pursuant to the October 1, 2025 order of the Sixth Appellate District Court of Appeal and the parties' December 5, 2025 stipulation, Llarena, Murdock, Lopez & Aziza, APC, is to pay applicant Antonina Salamat and applicant's attorney, The Bledsoe Law Firm, a reasonable attorney's fee for services rendered in connection with defendants' petition for writ of review in the total amount of \$15,000.00, in full and final satisfaction of any claim for a reasonable attorney's fee under Labor Code section 5801 (Lab. Code, § 5801).

WORKERS' COMPENSATION APPEALS BOARD

/s/ CRAIG L. SNELLINGS, COMMISSIONER

I CONCUR,

/s/ JOSEPH V. CAPURRO, COMMISSIONER

/s/ JOSÉ H. RAZO, COMMISSIONER



DATED AND FILED AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

May 29, 2026

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

**ANTONINA SALAMAT
THE BLEDSOE LAW FIRM
LLARENA, MURDOCK, LOPEZ & AZIZA, APC**

AJF/mc

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