

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

DOLORES GUILLEN RENTERIA, *Applicant*

vs.

**WORLDWIDE FLIGHT SERVICES; AIU INSURANCE COMPANY¹,
administered by SEDGWICK CLAIMS MANAGEMENT, *Defendants***

**Adjudication Number: ADJ19103568
Pomona District Office**

**OPINION AND ORDER
DENYING PETITION
FOR REMOVAL**

Applicant seeks removal in response to the workers' compensation administrative law judge's (WCJ) June 20, 2025 Order Denying Petition for Reassignment (Order), denying applicant's request for automatic reassignment to another WCJ.

Applicant contends if automatic reassignment is not granted she will be significantly prejudiced and will suffer irreparable harm, and reconsideration is not an adequate remedy.

We did not receive an answer from defendant. The WCJ issued a Report and Recommendation on Petition for Removal (Report) recommending that we deny removal.

We have considered the allegations of the Petition for Removal and the contents of the Report of the WCJ with respect thereto. Based on our review of the record and based upon the WCJ's analysis of the merits of petitioner's arguments in the WCJ's Report, we will deny removal.

Removal is an extraordinary remedy rarely exercised by the Appeals Board. (*Cortez v. Workers' Comp. Appeals Bd.* (2006) 136 Cal.App.4th 596, 599, fn. 5 [71 Cal.Comp.Cases 155]; *Kleemann v. Workers' Comp. Appeals Bd.* (2005) 127 Cal.App.4th 274, 280, fn. 2 [70 Cal.Comp.Cases 133].) The Appeals Board will grant removal only if the petitioner shows that substantial prejudice or irreparable harm will result if removal is not granted. (Cal. Code Regs.,

¹ In defendant's Answer to the Application, they list AIU Insurance Company as the insurer, but AIU is not listed as a party in EAMS. Upon return, defendant is expected to correct this error forthwith. (See *DiFusco v. Hands On Spa* (2025) 90 Cal.Comp.Cases 1007, 1017 (Appeals Board en banc).)

tit. 8, § 10955(a); see also *Cortez, supra*; *Kleemann, supra*.) Also, the petitioner must demonstrate that reconsideration will not be an adequate remedy if a final decision adverse to the petitioner ultimately issues. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 8, § 10955(a).) Here, based upon the WCJ's analysis of the merits of petitioner's arguments, we are not persuaded that substantial prejudice or irreparable harm will result if removal is denied and/or that reconsideration will not be an adequate remedy if the matter ultimately proceeds to a final decision adverse to petitioner.

For the foregoing reasons,

IT IS ORDERED that the Petition for Removal is **DENIED**.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION APPEALS BOARD

/s/ ANNE SCHMITZ, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

I CONCUR,

/s/ KATHERINE WILLIAMS DODD, COMMISSIONER

/s/ KATHERINE A. ZALEWSKI, CHAIR



DATED AND FILED AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

July 21, 2026

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

**DOLORES GUILLEN RENTERIA
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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. o.o*