ARKANSAS STATE CLAIMS COMMISSION

August 2020 Minutes

On August 20, 2020, the Arkansas State Claims Commission (the "Claims Commission") held hearings in the Claims Commission Hearing Room, 101 East Capitol Avenue, Suite 410, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Present at the hearings were Commissioners Henry Kinslow, Paul Morris (Chair), and Sylvester Smith.

Beverly McCuien v. University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, Claim No. 200905. Claimant filed her claim seeking wages related to her placement on administrative leave and subsequent termination from her employment with Respondent's childcare facility. At the virtual hearing on Respondent's motion to dismiss, Claimant appeared pro se, and Sherri L. Robinson appeared on behalf of Respondent. Based on the pleadings, the argument of the parties, and the law of Arkansas, the Claims Commission granted Respondent's motion to dismiss and dismissed Claimant's claim.

Christopher Burks v. Arkansas Department of Human Services, Claim No. 191198. Claimant filed his claim seeking \$6,608.50 in attorney's fees and costs related to a FOIA lawsuit filed by Claimant against Respondent. At the virtual hearing on the claim, Claimant represented himself, and David A. Warford, Jr. appeared on behalf of Respondent. Following the hearing, the Claims Commission directed Claimant to submit the signed assignment of Claimant's client's interest in the claim to Claimant. Upon submission of the signed assignment, and based on the pleadings, testimony, argument of the parties, and law of Arkansas, the Claims Commission AWARDED Claimant \$6,608.50 in attorney's fees and costs.

This completed all of the business on the August 2020 Claims Commission docket.

Kathryn Irby, Director

Date: October 2, 2020