

LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS APPEALS BOARD

STATE OF HAWAII

AURORA MANZON,	)	CASE NO.: AB 2023-071
	)	DCD No.: 2-17-06297
Claimant-Appellant,	)	
	)	
vs.	)	D/A: July 5, 2017
	)	
FIRST HAWAIIAN BANK,	)	
	)	
Employer-Appellee,	)	
	)	
and	)	
	)	
DTRIC INSURANCE COMPANY,	)	
LTD.,	)	
	)	
Insurance Carrier-	)	
Appellee.	)	

**Nov 17 2023, 8:23 am**  
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Labor and Industrial Relations  
Appeals Board

**ORDER DENYING MOTION TO CONTINUE  
TRIAL AND EXTEND ALL DEADLINES**

On June 13, 2023, Claimant AURORA MANZON appealed the Director's June 7, 2023 Decision to the Board.

On July 20, 2023, the Board issued a Notice of Initial Conference and Trial setting an initial conference for September 20, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

On September 19, 2023, the Board issued a Notice Resetting Initial Conference and rescheduled the initial conference to 1:30 p.m. on September 20, 2023.

At the September 20, 2023 initial conference, Alex M. Sonson, Esq., attorney for Claimant, notified the Board that Claimant passed away on July 11, 2023. Mr. Sonson further notified the Board that Claimant may have

dependents and Claimant's son had requested that Mr. Sonson assist with having the son named as Claimant's Personal Representative.

Thereafter, on October 23, 2023, Mr. Sonson filed Claimant-Appellant's Motion to Continue Trial and Extend All Deadlines ("Motion"). The Motion included a Certificate of Death for Claimant and a Notice of Non-Hearing Motion.

The Certificate of Death confirmed that Claimant died on July 11, 2023.

On November 3, 2023, Employer FIRST HAWAIIAN BANK filed a Statement of No Opposition to Claimant's Motion to Continue Trial and Extend All Deadlines.

To date, the Board has not received written notice from Alex M. Sonson, Esq. that he is no longer representing Claimant. The Board, however, recognizes that, as a general rule, the authority of counsel to proceed with a case is terminated upon the death of the party being represented. *Bagalay v. Lahaina Restoration Foundation*, 60 Haw. 125 (1978). Thus, Mr. Sonson did not have the authority to file the Motion to Continue Trial and Extend All Deadlines.

To date, no court-appointed personal representative or special administrator of the Estate of Claimant has appeared in this appeal.

Being fully advised in the premises,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Motion to Continue Trial and Extend All Deadlines is DENIED. At the time of filing, Alex M. Sonson, Esq. lacked authority to file the Motion.

Dated: Honolulu, Hawai'i,

Nov 17 2023



DAMIEN A. ELEFANTE, Chair

Excused

MELANIE S. MATSUI, Member



MARIE C.L. LADERTA, Member

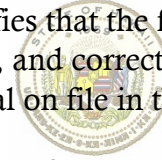
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Aurora Manzon, Deceased  
For Claimant-Appellant

Robert C. Kessner, Esq.  
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For Employer/Insurance  
Carrier-Appellee

This certifies that the foregoing is a  
full, true, and correct copy of the  
original on file in this office.



Alex M. Sonson, Esq.  
Formerly for Claimant-  
Appellant

/s/ *S. Kaaihue* for LIRAB

A certified copy of the foregoing was served upon the above-captioned parties or their legal representatives on the date of filing noted above.

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