## LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS APPEALS BOARD

## STATE OF HAWAII

In the Matter of CASE NO.: AB 2025-034 Attorney's Fees Pertaining to DCD No.: 2-08-06899 DAVID J. MIKONCZYK, ESQ., D/A: 6/6/2008 Appellee, Deceased, In the Case of Oct 21 2025, 9:30 am FILED above MADELINE MENDES, Labor and Industrial Relations Claimant-Appellant, **Appeals Board** vs. CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU, DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION, Employer-Appellee, Self-Insured, and CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU, DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES/ISWC, Insurance Adjuster-Appellee.

## ORDER LIFTING ABEYANCE

On April 3, 2025, Claimant MADELINE MENDES, a self-represented litigant, appealed the Approval of Attorney's Fees, entered by the Director of Labor and Industrial Relations ("Director") on October 19, 2021 ("Director's Decision"), which allowed DAVID J. MIKONCZYK, ESQ. an

attorney's fee of \$17,496.22, to the Labor and Industrial Relations Appeals Board ("Board").

The Board takes judicial notice that DAVID J. MIKONCZYK, ESQ., an attorney who regularly appeared before the Board, died on or about July 28, 2020.

On April 15, 2025, the Board entered an Order Holding Case in Abeyance.

Pursuant to the Board's April 15, 2025 order, on August 27, 2025, Claimant filed a notice with the Board and represented that as of August 13, 2025, no personal representative or special administrator for the Estate of DAVID J. MIKONCZYK, ESQ. was appointed by a court.

To date, no court-appointed personal representative or special administrator of DAVID J. MIKONCZYK, ESQ.'s estate has appeared in this appeal.<sup>1</sup>

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the abeyance of this matter is LIFTED.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Board notes that DAVID J. MIKONCZYK, ESQ.'s spouse, Deborah Mikonczyk, signed a Request for Approval of Attorney's Fees, dated August 2, 2021 and filed with the Director on August 5, 2021, which is the subject of the Director's Decision, appealed herein. Deborah Mikonczyk submitted an undated declaration with the Request for Approval of Attorney's Fees, stating that she was "authorized to request attorney [sic] fees on behalf of attorney David J. Mikonczyk," However, the record is devoid of any court-ordered appointment of Deborah Mikonczyk as the personal representative or special administrator of DAVID J. MIKONCZYK, ESQ.'s estate.

Dated: Honolulu, Hawai'i,

Dannen A. Elefault

DAMIEN A. ELEFANTE, Chair

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HARRY YEE, Member

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Madeline Mendes For Claimant-Appellant

David J. Mikonczyk, Esq. For Appellee, Deceased

Romney Bitanga For Employer, Self-Insured/Insurance Adjuster-Appellee

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

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