

LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS APPEALS BOARD

STATE OF HAWAII

In the Matter of)	CASE NO.: AB 2021-018
Attorney's Fees Pertaining to)	DCD No.: 2-08-01341
DENNIS W.S. CHANG, ESQ.,)	
Appellee, Deceased,)	D/A: January 20, 2008
In the Case of)	
AMANDA K. GOMES,)	May 26 2026, 11:18 am
Claimant-Appellant,)	FILED _{alkw}
vs.)	Labor and Industrial Relations
WAHIAWA GENERAL HOSPITAL,)	Appeals Board
Employer-Appellee,)	
and)	
HAWAII EMPLOYERS' MUTUAL)	
INSURANCE COMPANY,)	
Insurance Carrier-)	
Appellee,)	
and)	
SPECIAL COMPENSATION FUND,)	
Appellee.)	

ORDER REGARDING PROCEEDINGS ON APPEAL

This workers' compensation case is before the Labor and Industrial Relations Appeals Board on appeal by Claimant AMANDA K. GOMES from the Approval of Attorney's Fees for DENNIS W.S. CHANG, ESQ. of the Director of

Labor and Industrial Relations dated December 22, 2020.

DENNIS W.S. CHANG, ESQ. passed away on September 8, 2023.

On December 30, 2025, the Board issued an Order Holding Case in Abeyance. The Order Holding Case in Abeyance ordered that this appeal be held in abeyance until April 29, 2026, pending the Board's receipt of a written appearance by a court-appointed personal representative or special administrator of Claimant's Estate. The order stated that the deadline for the Board's receipt of this written appearance is April 29, 2026.

Claimant did not submit a declaration, on or before May 19, 2026, regarding whether or not a personal representative or special administrator of the Estate of DENNIS W.S. CHANG, ESQ. was appointed by a Hawaii court, as was required by the Board's December 30, 2025 order. However, the Board recognizes that Claimant is a self-represented litigant.

The Board confirms that its search of the Judiciary Information Management System (JIMS), eCourt Kokua did not yield any evidence confirming that a personal representative or special administrator of DENNIS W.S. CHANG, ESQ.'s Estate was appointed on or before April 29, 2026.

To date, no personal representative or special administrator of DENNIS W.S. CHANG, ESQ.'s Estate has made an appearance in this matter.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The Board's abeyance of the above-referenced case is lifted;
and
2. In the absence of a withdrawal of appeal, herein, submitted

and filed by Claimant and an order dismissing Claimant's appeal, herein, and for so long as there exists no court-appointed personal representative or special administrator of DENNIS W.S. CHANG, ESQ.'s Estate, Claimant shall be responsible for providing appropriate and timely publication/notice of its pleadings, correspondence, documents, and/or materials filed with the Board, as may be required by law.

Dated: Honolulu, Hawai'i,

May 26 2026



DAMIEN A. ELEFANTE, Chair



MARIE C.L. LADERTA, Member



HARRY YEE, Member

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A digital copy of the Board's Order Regarding Proceedings on Appeal was also posted on the Board's website and will remain on the Board's website for at least 180 days from the date of filing.

Amanda K. Gomes
For Claimant-Appellant

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.

/s/ A. Watanabe for LIRAB