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The Honorable V. Claire Allen
Deputy Clerk
South Carolina Court of Appeals
1220 Senate Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

RE: Deborah G. Duggans v. SCDMH
Appellate Case No.: 2019-000393

Dear Ms. Allen:

In response to your March 29, 2019 letter, I would advise that on March 19, 2019, I received a "Judicial Conference Decision and Order" from the South Carolina Workers' Compensation Commission indicating a denial of my Motion for Reconsideration based upon a belief the Commission "lacks jurisdiction". However, given the "abundance of caution" nature of my appeal, as well as governing legal authority that clearly recognizes the fact finding tribunal retains jurisdiction to address a motion for reconsideration, I respectfully submit the Commission's determination that it lacks jurisdiction is incorrect.

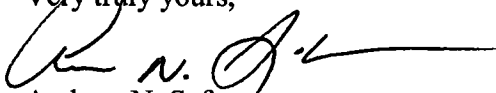
Since receiving your letter, I have contacted Ms. Eugenia Hollman, who coordinates Appellate Panel and "Judicial Conference" activity for the Commission. In this regard, Ms. Hollman has instructed me to provide a copy of your March 29, 2019 letter, along with a letter outlining the current circumstances, to her so that this matter may be addressed during the Commission's next "Judicial Conference".

While I assume the current appeal will continue to be held in abeyance pending the Commission's determination of the merits of my previous motion, I would greatly appreciate your guidance to ensure my accurate understanding as to the current status of this appeal.

Thank you for your cooperation and consideration.

With kindest regards, I am

Very truly yours,


Andrew N. Safran

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cc: David H. Keller, Esquire
Ms. Eugenia Hollman