

**WORKERS' COMPENSATION APPEALS BOARD
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

KATHY BRANDOW, *Applicant*

vs.

**LAW OFFICES OF WAYNE SINGER;
THE HARTFORD, *Defendant***

**Adjudication Numbers: ADJ8740864, ADJ8764475, ADJ8960944
Long Beach District Office**

**OPINION AND ORDER
DISMISSING PETITION
FOR REMOVAL**

Applicant has filed an objection to the Opinion and Order Denying Petition for Disqualification (Order) issued on October 16, 2025, by the Workers' Compensation Appeals Board. Applicant asserts that she is not a vexatious litigant and that she should be permitted to relitigate the issue disqualification. We have treated applicant's objection as a petition for removal.

We have not received an answer from defendant.

We have considered the allegations of the Petition for Removal. Based on our review of the record we will dismiss the petition as it is a successive petition.

A petitioning party cannot attack an Appeals Board decision through another petition seeking, in substance, the same relief. Successive petitions are not allowed and may constitute frivolous or bad faith conduct. (See *Crowe Glass Company v. Industrial Acc. Com. (Graham)* (1927) 84 Cal. App. 287; *Navarro v. A&A Farming* (2002) 67 Cal.Comp.Cases 296, 299–300 (Appeals Board en banc)). A party aggrieved by an Appeals Board decision on disqualification must petition for a writ of review to the Court of Appeal. However, it would appear that the time for applicant to seek review of the October 16, 2025 order denying disqualification has passed.

Finally, as to the merits, the October 16, 2025 Order did not declare applicant a vexatious litigant. Instead, it warned applicant that the continued filing of frivolous petitions *in the future* may lead to a hearing to determine whether applicant is proceeding as a vexatious litigant. No

order declaring applicant a vexatious litigant has issued, and thus, applicant is not presently aggrieved.

For the foregoing reasons,

IT IS ORDERED that applicant's Petition for Removal of the Opinion and Order Denying Petition for Disqualification issued on October 16, 2025, by the Workers' Compensation Appeals Board is **DISMISSED**.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION APPEALS BOARD

/s/ JOSÉ H. RAZO, COMMISSIONER

I CONCUR,

/s/ ANNE SCHMITZ, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

/s/ KATHERINE A. ZALEWSKI, CHAIR



DATED AND FILED AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

DECEMBER 19, 2025

SERVICE MADE ON THE ABOVE DATE ON THE PERSONS LISTED BELOW AT THEIR ADDRESSES SHOWN ON THE CURRENT OFFICIAL ADDRESS RECORD.

**KATHY BRANDOW
HANNA BROPHY**

EDL/mt

I certify that I affixed the official seal of
the Workers' Compensation Appeals
Board to this original decision on this date.
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