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# INTRODUCTION

The Alaska Workers' Compensation Appeals Commission is charged with providing fair, prompt, and thoughtful adjudication of appeals from final decisions issued by the Alaska Workers' Compensation Board. An appeal to the Commission is a formal administrative appeal and the Commission's final decisions on the merits of appeals must be published as they set legal precedent in Alaska workers' compensation law unless reversed by the Alaska Supreme Court.

The Commission also adjudicates petitions for review of interlocutory or non-final decisions issued by the Board. A petition for review to the Commission is a request for a formal administrative review of a non-final order of the Board; however, the Commission's memorandum decisions on petitions for review do not set legal precedent in Alaska workers' compensation law.

The Commission is committed to ensuring that "hearings in workers' compensation cases shall be impartial and fair to all parties and that all parties shall be afforded due process and an opportunity to be heard and for their arguments and evidence to be fairly considered." AS 23.30.001(4).

The Commission Chair has certain duties prescribed by law. One of those duties is to make available to the public and file with the lieutenant governor's office by March  $15^{th}$  of each year a report of the Commission's activity for the prior calendar year. This report is filed to satisfy that duty.

"Court" is the Alaska Supreme Court, "Commission" is the Alaska Workers' Compensation Appeals Commission, "Division" is the Division of Workers' Compensation, and "Board" is the Alaska Workers' Compensation Board. Figure 1 shows the place of the Commission in the Department of Labor and Workforce Development's workers' compensation adjudication system.

#### Figure 1

The **Alaska Supreme Court** hears appeals from Commission decisions. The Court decides all questions of law, including constitutionality of statutes and the validity and constitutionality of regulations.

The Alaska Workers' Compensation Appeals Commission hears appeals and petitions for review of Board decisions and is independent of the Division. There are five Commissioners: two represent employees, two represent employers, and the Chair, who is an attorney. Each case is heard by one employee Commissioner, one employer Commissioner, and the Chair. Commission final decisions bind the Commission itself and all Board panels to a uniform interpretation of Alaska workers' compensation law. The Commission must follow Court rulings. Appeals are decided on the Board record and the parties' arguments. Commissioners use their independent judgment on law and procedure, but do not reweigh facts. Petitions for review are granted only if the sound policy that an appeal be taken only from a final Board decision is outweighed by meeting specific criteria.

The Alaska Workers' Compensation Board hears claims and petitions by injured workers, employers, and Division investigators. The Board consists of nine industry members, nine labor members, and the Department of Labor Commissioner, who is the Chair. Board members are appointed to three-year terms. The Board hears cases in three-member panels (one labor member, one industry member, and one hearing officer), but may hear a case with a quorum of two (a representative member and a hearing officer). Each Board panel is independent, but must follow Commission and Court rulings. The Board approves regulations adopted by the Division.

The **Division of Workers' Compensation** has offices in Anchorage, Fairbanks, and Juneau. Division staff assists parties, collects data, enforces reporting, reviews self-insurance certificates, and manages the Workers' Compensation Benefits Guaranty Fund, Second Injury Fund, and Fishermen's Fund. The Division provides administrative support to Division sections, the Board, and the Commission.

The hearing officers, pre-hearing officers, and clerks of the *Adjudications Section* assist the Board to hear, mediate, and decide cases.

The *Special Investigations Unit* investigates and prosecutes fraud and uninsured employers before the Board.

The Division *Director* may intervene in appeals.

# **COMMISSION MEMBERS**

The Commission consists of five members: two employee representatives, two employer representatives, and the Chair. Each representative must have at least eighteen months of experience as a Board member. The Chair must be an attorney who has engaged in the active practice of law for at least five years in Alaska, with experience in workers' compensation law in this state.

The Chief Administrative Law Judge in the Office of Administrative Hearings announces vacancies, reviews the applications for each vacancy, and forwards a list of qualified nominees to the Governor for appointment. The Alaska State Legislature must confirm appointees.

The Commissioners' five-year terms are staggered so a seat on the Commission falls vacant every year. Because every appeal is heard by a full, balanced panel and a panelist may not hear a case if there is a conflict of interest, avoiding vacancies is a concern of the Commission.

The members of the Commission during 2023 were:

**Deirdre D. Ford, Chair**, Anchorage, was appointed by Governor Bill Walker and took office on October 31, 2016, and was reappointed by Governor Mike Dunleavy to a five-year term in March 2020. Prior to her appointment, Ms. Ford had retired from the practice of law. From March 2009 to July 2012, Ms. Ford was a Hearing Officer with the Board in Anchorage. From June 1985 through February 2009, Ms. Ford practiced law with Delisio Moran Geraghty & Zobel with an emphasis in workers' compensation law, primarily representing employers. She received her J.D. cum laude from the University of San Francisco School of Law in 1984, her M.A. in Political Science from the University of Illinois Chicago in 1973, her M.L.S. in Library Science from the University of California Berkeley in 1966, and her B.A. in Political Science from Whittier College in 1963.

**S. T. Hagedorn, employer representative**, Anchorage, retired from the Alaska Railroad Corporation in June 2009 after a thirty-four-year career, with the last twenty-four years as Corporate Risk Manager. He was appointed as a member for industry to the Board in 1991 by Governor Walter Hickel, reappointed twice by Governor Tony Knowles, and reappointed in 2006 by Governor Frank Murkowski (fifteen years of Board service). He has a B.A. in history from the University of Northern Iowa. He was appointed by Governor Sarah Palin to a five-year term as Commissioner in March 2007, reappointed by Governor Sean Parnell to another five-year term in 2012; reappointed by Governor Bill Walker to an additional five-year term in February 2017, and reappointed by Governor Mike Dunleavy to another five-year term in February 2022.

Michael J. Notar, employee representative, Juneau, was appointed in September 2015 by Governor Bill Walker, and reappointed by Governor Walker to a five-year term in 2018. After graduating high school in 1970 and a brief stint in college, he began his working career as a Surveyor with the State of Alaska in 1971. He also worked as a Teamster Surveyor before joining the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 1547 in 1977, where he worked as an Apprentice Electrician and

Communications Technician. He was appointed in 1995 to the IBEW Local 1547 Assistant Business Manager position in Juneau, where he served for fifteen years. He served on the Board as a member for labor from December 2007 to July 2010. He returned to State of Alaska service in 2010 at the Department of Labor and Workforce Development as a Wage and Hour Investigator, Special Assistant to the Commissioner, and Southeast Wage and Hour Supervising Investigator. He retired from active employment in 2013 and is a lifelong Alaskan. Commissioner Notar's term expired in March 2023.

James N. Rhodes, employee representative, Ketchikan, is a twenty-nine-year member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 1547. He served as a member for labor on the Board from August 2001 until March 2005. He was appointed by Governor Sean Parnell to a four-year term in February 2012, reappointed to a five-year term by Governor Bill Walker in 2016, and reappointed to an additional five-year term by Governor Mike Dunleavy in January 2021.

Amy M. Steele, employer representative, Anchorage, is the Senior Claims Coordinator at Chenega Corporation, where she has worked since 2009. Prior to her work with Chenega, she was a Senior Claims Examiner with Alaska National Insurance Company. Before moving to Alaska in 2002, she worked as a principal member of the risk management staff at Allegis Group, Inc. where she had worked since 1995. She graduated in 1995 from The New York State University at Oneonta with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology. She earned her Associate in Risk Management designation in 1999. She was appointed as a member for industry to the Board in 2011 by Governor Sean Parnell and reappointed by Governor Bill Walker until her term ended in March 2019. Ms. Steele was appointed to the Commission by Governor Mike Dunleavy in June 2019, and reappointed to a second term by Governor Dunleavy in March 2024.

Nancy Shaw, employee representative, Anchorage, received a bachelor's degree from the University of California at Berkeley and then graduated from the law school at UCLA. She was an attorney for the Alaska Public Defender Agency and for the Alaska Court System. She was the supervising attorney and then the Federal Defender for the District of Alaska. She retired after fifteen years as General Counsel for Alaska Teamsters Local 959. Ms. Shaw also served as a member for labor on the Board from 2017 until 2023. Ms. Shaw was appointed to the Commission by Governor Mike Dunleavy in September 2023.

# **COMMISSION CASES**

# **New Cases Filed in 2023**

The Commission docketed four new cases in 2023, ten fewer than were filed in 2022. This decrease is due to the smaller number of decisions issued by the Board in 2023. In March 2020, COVID hit the State of Alaska and people either worked from home or were not working. Historically, it takes approximately two years from the date a claim is filed to a Board decision on a claim. In 2022 and 2023, the Commission received appeals from claims that originated in 2020 or earlier. Fewer workers' compensation injuries occurred in the two years people either worked from home or did not work. When

employees returned to work in offices and on job sites, injuries began to occur. Two years later, i.e. 2023, claims were being heard by the Board and more appeals began to be filed at the Commission. 2023 was the nadir since it is two years from 2021, when injuries were down. However, people are back to working and have returned to their previous work sites. Injuries are occurring.<sup>1</sup>

The Commission did not receive its first new case of the year until May 26, 2023. All four of the new cases filed in 2023 were appeals. One settled in early 2024, two are in the briefing stage, and one is awaiting transcripts. Figure 2 compares the types of cases filed in 2023 with those filed in 2022.

Figure 2

	2022	2023
New Appeals Filed	11	4
New Petitions for Review Filed	3	0
<b>Total Number of New Cases Filed</b>	14	4

### **Attorney Representation**

#### **Providers**

One self-represented provider filed one new case in 2023. In that case, the employer was represented, and the self-represented employee filed a notice of nonparticipation.

#### **Employees**

Employees filed two of the four new cases in 2023, with one of those filed by an unrepresented employee. In all of the cases filed by employees, all opposing parties were represented.

Figure 9 compares unrepresented and represented employees. Employees filed eight fewer cases than in 2022. Compared with 2022, the number of cases filed by unrepresented employees decreased by four, and the number of cases filed by represented employees also decreased by four.

Figure 9

	2022	2023
New Cases Filed by Unrepresented Employees	5	1
New Cases Filed by Represented Employees	5	1
Total Cases Filed by Employees	10	2

#### **Employers**

One represented employer filed the remaining new case in 2023, and in that case, the employee was represented.

This upward trend is continuing as in the first two-and-one-half months of 2024, the Commission has already received five new cases.

Figure 10 compares unrepresented and represented employers. When compared to 2022, the number of cases filed by unrepresented employers remained at zero, and the number of cases filed by represented employers decreased by two.

Figure 10

	2022	2023
New Cases Filed by Unrepresented Employers	0	0
New Cases Filed by Represented Employers	3	1
Total Cases Filed by Employers	3	1

#### **Indigent Participants**

In 2023, no unrepresented employees filed motions to waive payment of either the filing fee or the cost of transcribing Board hearing recordings. However, in late 2022, the Commission waived the transcript cost for one unrepresented employee and that \$390.00 cost was paid in early 2023.

#### **2023 Commission Docket**

Fourteen cases were on the 2023 docket, a decrease of twelve cases from 2022. *See* Figure 3. In addition to the four new cases filed in 2023, the Commission began 2023 with ten cases on the docket: one filed in 2021 and nine filed in 2022.

The 2021 case on the docket at the beginning of 2023 was filed in late 2021 and extensions of time were granted to prepare the record and for the parties to file briefs.

Of the nine 2022 cases on the docket at the beginning of 2023, two were stayed pending mediation; two had granted extensions of time for the parties to file briefs and the records were supplemented; three were in the briefing stage; one was stayed pending a petition for review of a Commission order filed with the Court; and one had oral argument scheduled in early 2023.

No cases came back on the docket due to Court remands, and at the end of 2023, the Commission had four cases on the docket, all filed in 2023.

Figure 3

	2022	2023
Cases on Docket at Start of Year	7	10
New Cases Filed	14	4
Alaska Supreme Court Remands	3	0
Back on Docket Due to Reconsideration Motion in early CY	2	0
Back on Docket for Motion for Attorney Fees after Opinion	0	0
Total Number of Cases	26	14

Figure 4 shows the number of open cases on the docket at the end of each month, the number of new cases filed, oral arguments and hearings held, published final decisions on the merits of appeals, published memorandum decisions, and unpublished orders issued during each month of 2023.

Figure 4

Month	Cases on Docket at End of Month	New Cases Filed	Oral Arguments and Hearings Held	Published Final Decisions	Published Memorandum Decisions	Unpublished Orders
Jan.	9	0	0	1	0	4
Feb.	8	0	0	0	1	2
Mar.	8	0	1	1	0	7
Apr.	5	0	0	1	0	8
May	4	1	0	0	0	1
Jun.	3	0	1	2	0	3
Jul.	3	0	0	0	0	2
Aug.	1	0	0	0	0	3
Sep.	1	0	0	0	0	1
Oct.	1	0	0	0	0	2
Nov.	2	1	0	0	0	0
Dec.	4	2	0	0	0	1
Totals		4	2	5	1	34

Appendix A is the Commission's complete 2023 docket. For each case, the date received, type of case, attorney representation, Commission action, and any Court action are listed. Appendix A also includes cases from prior years that are currently on appeal or petition for review before the Court, as well as cases from prior years that were remanded to the Commission for further action in 2023.

# Oral Arguments, Hearings, and Unpublished Orders

The Commission held two oral arguments and hearings in 2023, six less than were held in 2022. There was one oral argument on the merits of an appeal and one hearing on a motion for stay. Oral argument was not requested in some appeals and those were decided on the record and the parties' written briefs. Figure 5 compares the number and types of hearings held by the Commission in 2023 with those held in 2022.

Figure 5

	2022	2023
Oral Arguments on Merits of Appeals	6	1
Hearings on Motions for Stay	2	1
Totals	8	2

The Commission issues unpublished orders on extensions of time to file appeals and petitions for review, stays of Board orders, dismissals, waivers of filing fees and/or transcript costs, attorney fees, reconsideration, clarification, and granting or denying petitions for review. The Chair issues unpublished orders on procedural matters such as extensions of time, stays of appeals, and notices of default and orders to comply. In 2023, thirty-four unpublished orders were issued, a decrease of forty-six from 2022.

# Time Period between Receipt and Decision on Merits of an Appeal

The Commission's target is to process cases within 360 days from initial receipt. Figure 11 below shows a timeline of approximately 255 days for an appeal if there is no cross-appeal, stay of appeal proceedings, or extensions of time. Appeal proceedings may be stayed, or an extension of time may be granted for the parties to negotiate settlement.

Figure 11

Appeal Timeline
(No Cross-Appeals, Extensions, or Stays of Proceedings)

Appeal Steps	Days
Appeal received	
Board record and transcripts	45
Appellant's brief	30
Appellee's brief	30
Appellant's reply brief	20
Request oral argument	10
Schedule oral argument	30
Issue Final Decision	90
Total	255

# **Average Time Period for Cases Closed in 2023**

All Cases Closed in 2023

Of the fourteen cases that appeared on the Commission's 2023 docket, ten were closed in 2023. This is a closure rate of seventy-one percent of the total number of cases that appeared on the 2023 docket, an increase of nine percent from the closure rate in 2022. A case is considered closed on the date of 1) a decision on the merits of an appeal, 2) a dismissal, 3) an order on remand, 4) an order on clarification of a final decision on the merits of an appeal, or 5) an order on reconsideration of a final decision on the merits of an appeal. See Figure 6.

Figure 6

	2022	2023
Total Cases on Docket	26	14
Cases Closed	16	10
Closure Rate	62%	71%

The average time period from the date of receipt to the date of closure for those ten cases was 331 days, an increase of 161 days from the 2022 average, and well under the Commission's target of processing cases within 360 days. *See* Figure 7.

Figure 7

	2022	2023
Total Cases on Docket	26	14
Cases on Docket Closed	16	10
Average Number of Days from Receipt to Closing	170	331

#### All Cases Filed and Closed in 2023

None of the four new cases filed in 2023 were also closed in 2023, due to the fact that all four cases were filed between May 26, 2023, and December 20, 2023. This is a closure rate of zero percent for cases both filed and closed in 2023. A case is considered closed on the date of 1) a decision on the merits of an appeal, 2) a dismissal, 3) an order on remand, 4) an order on clarification of a final decision on the merits of an appeal, or 5) an order on reconsideration of a final decision on the merits of an appeal. *See* Figure 8.

Figure 8

	2022	2023
Total Cases Filed	14	4
Cases Filed and Closed in Same Year	6	0
Closure Rate	36%	0%

#### **Resolution of Cases in 2023**

Of the ten cases on the 2023 docket that were closed, five resulted in published final decisions on the merits of appeals, one resulted in a published memorandum decision to remand the case to the Board, two were dismissed for failure to prosecute, and two were settled. *See* Appendix A.

# **COMMISSION DECISIONS**

# **Published Decisions**

In 2023, five Commission final decisions on the merits of appeals were published. Appendix B is the list of the Commission's 2023 published decisions, with notes on the number of days from receipt to the issuance of a final decision on the merits of the appeal, the number of days from oral argument or record closure to issuance of a final decision on the merits of the appeal, and whether the Commission's decision was appealed or petitioned for review to the Court.

For the five published final decisions on the merits of appeals issued in 2023, the average time from oral argument or record closure to the issuance of the final decision was seventy-eight days, twelve days less than the statutory allowance of 90 days.

As shown in Appendix B, the average time period between the receipt of an appeal and the issuance of a final decision on the merits of the appeal for cases on the 2023 docket was 326 days, 34 days less than the Commission's target of issuing final decisions within 360 days from the filing of an appeal.

In 2023, the Commission also published one memorandum decision which remanded the case to the Board for further proceedings.

# <u>Published Decisions – Case Resolutions</u>

The results of Commission decisions published in 2023 are summarized in Appendix B. Of the five published final decisions issued on the merits of appeals, four affirmed the Board's decision and one reversed the Board's decision.

The Commission also published one memorandum decision in 2023 which remanded the case to the Board for further proceedings.

# **ALASKA SUPREME COURT ACTION**

Three Commission decisions issued in 2023 were appealed to the Court, all of which are currently pending. A total of five Commission decisions presently await Court rulings: two issued in 2022, and three issued in 2023. *See* Appendix A.

In 2023, the Court decided two appeals of Commission decisions. The Court also denied one petition for review, and one appeal was dismissed on settlement. The one issued opinion on an appeal of a Commission decision, which created legal precedent, was:

Opinion No. 7656, May 19, 2023, in a 2020 case, *State, Department of Health and Social Services v. White and Shannon*, which affirmed the Commission's decision.

The Court also issued one memorandum opinion and judgment, which does not create legal precedent, in the following:

Memorandum Opinion and Judgment No. 1957, March 22, 2023, in a 2021 case, *Parsons v. Craig City School District and Alaska Municipal League Joint Insurance Association*, which affirmed the Commission's decision.

# **REGULATION CHANGES**

The Commission conducted an extensive revision of its regulations in 2023, specifically to update and clarify the processes for appeals and petitions for review to make them easier for self-represented litigants to understand, and to allow the Clerk to issue certain orders on motions for extensions of time. The revised regulations went into effect on February 4, 2024.

Appendix A: 2023 Appeals Commission Docket<sup>1</sup>

Docket Number	Date Filed	Filed As	Case Title	Appellant Attorney	Appellee Attorney	Result/Status
17-001	1/19/17	Appeal	Rusch v. Southeast Alaska Reg'l Health Consortium and Alaska Nat'l Ins. Co.	YES	YES	Affirmed Board in 2018; appealed to Court; Commission decision affirmed in part, reversed in part, and remanded to remand to Board in 2019. Order on remand issued in 2020; extension to file motion for fees after Court issued order on fees. Order on fees issued in 2021; appealed to Court; Commission decision reversed, vacated, and remanded in 2022. Order on remand issued in 2022; appealed to Court in 2023; awaiting argument.
17-002	1/19/17	Appeal	Dockter v. Southeast Alaska Reg'l Health Consortium and Alaska Nat'l Ins. Co.	YES	YES	Affirmed Board in 2018; appealed to Court; Commission decision affirmed in part, reversed in part, and remanded to remand to Board in 2019. Order on remand issued in 2020; extension to file motion for fees after Court issued order on fees. Order on fees issued in 2021; appealed to Court; Commission decision reversed, vacated, and remanded in 2022. Order on remand issued in 2022; appealed to Court in 2023; awaiting argument.
20-022	12/21/20	Appeal	State v. White and Shannon	YES	NO	Affirmed Board in 2021; appellant appealed to Court; Commission decision affirmed in 2023.
21-002	3/8/21	Appeal	Parsons v. Craig City Sch. Dist. and Alaska Mun. League Joint Ins. Ass'n	NO	YES	Affirmed Board in 2021; appellant appealed to Court in 2022; Commission decision affirmed in 2023.
21-006	5/17/21	Appeal	Jespersen v. Tri-City Air and Alaska Ins. Guar. Ass'n	YES	YES	Affirmed Board in 2022; appellant appealed to Court; draft decision circulating.
21-014	11/19/21	Appeal	Amos v. Tidwell, Plambeck, Plambeck Floor Customs, Inc. and Umialik Ins. Co.	YES	Tidwell: NO Others: YES	Affirmed Board in 2023; appellant appealed to Court; ripe for decision.

Also includes Commission cases from prior years that were appealed or petitioned for review to the Court, disposition of those cases if resolved in CY 2023, and a note if still pending before the Court.

Docket Number	Date Filed	Filed As	Case Title	Appellant Attorney	Appellee Attorney	Result/Status
22-002	1/24/22	Appeal	Medical Park Family Care and Republic Indem. Co. of America v. Hughes	YES	YES	Stayed in 2022 pending petition for review of order to Court; petition denied. Stayed again in 2022 pending appeal of another Commission order to Court. Settled in 2023.
22-005	4/8/22	Appeal	Hernandez v. Ocean Beauty Seafoods, LLC and Liberty Ins. Corp.	YES	YES	Remanded to Board in 2023.
22-007	5/20/22	Appeal	Edwards v. State	YES	YES	Reversed Board in 2023; appellee petitioned for review to Court; petition denied.
22-008	6/20/22	Appeal	Fletcher v. Pike's on the River, Inc. and Republic Indem. Co. of America	NO	YES	Affirmed Board in 2023; appellant appealed to Court; briefing stage.
22-009	7/14/22	Petition for Review	Alaska Asphalt Serv., LLC and The Ohio Cas. Ins. Co. v. Martino	YES	YES	Affirmed Board in 2023.
22-010	7/19/22	Appeal	Mitchell v. State	YES	YES	Settled in 2023.
22-011	8/15/22	Appeal	Narcisse v. Trident Seafoods Corp. and Liberty Ins. Corp.	NO	YES	Dismissed in 2023 for failure to prosecute.
22-012	9/9/22	Appeal	Woodell v. Alaska Reg'l Hosp. and Indem. Ins. Co. of N. Am.	NO	YES	Affirmed Board in 2023; appellant appealed to Court; awaiting conference.
22-013	10/7/22	Petition for Review	Betts v. Greenling Enter., LLC and Alaska Nat'l Ins. Co.	YES	YES	Denied petition for review in 2022; petitioner filed petition for review with Court; petition denied in 2023.
22-014	10/17/22	Appeal	Quinonez v. Trident Seafoods Corp. and Liberty Ins. Corp.	NO	YES	Dismissed for failure to prosecute in 2023.
23-001	5/26/23	Appeal	Carlile Transp. and Arch Ins. Co. v. Wrice	YES	YES	Settled in January 2024.
23-002	11/15/23	Appeal	Shannon v. Nelson and State	NO	Nelson: NO State: YES	Briefing stage.
23-003	12/6/23	Appeal	Sierer v. Tri Star Inc. and Umialik Ins. Co.	YES	YES	Briefing stage.
23-004	12/20/23	Appeal	McDonald v. Rock & Dirt Environmental, Inc. and Ins. Co. of the State of Pennsylvania	NO	YES	Awaiting transcripts.

Appendix B: Table of 2023 Published Decisions

DECISION No.	Appeal No.	TITLE OF APPEAL	DAYS FROM RECEIPT TO FINAL DECISION ON THE MERITS	DAYS FROM ORAL ARGUMENT / RECORD CLOSURE TO FINAL DECISION ON THE MERITS	DECISION/APPEALED
299	21-014	Amos v. Tidwell, Plambeck, Plambeck Floor Customs, Inc., Umialik Ins. Co., and State, Workers' Comp. Benefits Guar. Fund	416	102	Affirmed Board; appealed to Court; ripe for decision.
300	22-005	Hernandez v. Ocean Beauty Seafoods, LLC and Liberty Ins. Corp.	_		Memorandum Decision; remanded to Board. <sup>2</sup>
301	22-007	Edwards v. State	292	78	Reversed Board; petitioned for review to Court; petition denied.
302	22-012	Woodell v. Alaska Regʻl Hosp. and Indem. Ins. Co. of N. Am.	222	33	Affirmed Board; appealed to Court; awaiting conference.
303	22-008	Fletcher v. Pike's on the River, Inc. and Republic Indem. Co. of Am.	357	90	Affirmed Board; appealed to Court; briefing stage.
304	22-009	Alaska Asphalt Servs., LLC and The Ohio Cas. Ins. Co. v. Martino	343	86	Affirmed Board.
		Average Number of Days:	326	78	

Shaded row indicates the case was heard in late 2022, but the decision was issued in early 2023.

A remand to the Board is not a final decision on the merits of an appeal.