Commonwealth Of Kentucky

Court Of Appeals

NO. 1997-CA-001329-WC

BRENT HORN

APPELLANT

v. PETITION FOR REVIEW OF A DECISION OF THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION BOARD ACTION NOS. WC-94-44262 & WC-94-31624

WOLF CREEK COLLIERIES; SPECIAL FUND; IRENE STEEN, ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE; AND WORKERS' COMPENSATION BOARD APPELLEES

OPINION REVERSING AND REMANDING

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BEFORE: GUDGEL, CHIEF JUDGE; BUCKINGHAM AND KNOPF, JUDGES.

BUCKINGHAM, JUDGE. On June 5, 1997, Brent Horn brought the above-styled appeal from an opinion of the Workers' Compensation Board denying his application for additional occupational disease benefits. One of the issues on appeal is the criteria for reopening a coal worker's pneumoconiosis claim following a previous award of retraining incentive benefits. On February 19, 1998, the Supreme Court rendered its opinion in Campbell v. <u>Universal Mines</u>, Ky., ____S.W.2d ____(1998). <u>Campbell</u> addressed the criteria for reopening a pneumoconiosis claim under KRS 342.125 and established new rules for determining whether a prior retraining benefits recipient is entitled to reopen his case to seek new benefits.

On February 25, 1998, we entered an order holding this case in abeyance pending the finality of <u>Campbell v. Universal</u> <u>Mines</u>. On April 14, 1998, <u>Campbell v. Universal Mines</u> became final.

In view of the new rules established in <u>Campbell</u>, we reverse the decision of the Worker's Compensation Board and remand this case to the Administrative Law Judge for a review of appellant's claims in light of the new criteria established in <u>Campbell v. Universal Mines</u>, <u>supra</u>.

ALL CONCUR.

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