

## NOT DESIGNATED FOR PUBLICATION

BEFORE THE ARKANSAS WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION

CLAIM NO. H202720

WILLIAM L. MIDDLETON, EMPLOYEE	CLAIMANT
L & L METAL FABRICATION, INC., EMPLOYER	RESPONDENT
AMERISURE INSURANCE COMPANY, INSURANCE CARRIER/TPA	RESPONDENT

OPINION FILED SEPTEMBER 11, 2024

Upon review before the FULL COMMISSION in Little Rock, Pulaski County, Arkansas.

Claimant represented by the HONORABLE MATTHEW J. KETCHAM,  
Attorney at Law, Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Respondents represented by the HONORABLE KAREN H. McKINNEY,  
Attorney at Law, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Decision of Administrative Law Judge: Affirmed and Adopted.

### OPINION AND ORDER

The claimant appeals an administrative law judge's opinion filed November 30, 2023. The administrative law judge entered the following findings of fact and conclusions of law:

1. The stipulations agreed to by the parties at a pre-hearing conference conducted on April 13, 2023, and contained in a pre-hearing order filed that same date are hereby accepted as fact.
2. Claimant is barred from pursuing this matter because he elected a remedy in civil court and resolved that matter via a settlement.

After reviewing the entire record *de novo*, it is our opinion that the administrative law judge's decision is supported by a preponderance of the

evidence, correctly applies the law, and should be affirmed. Therefore we affirm and adopt the administrative law judge's November 30, 2023 decision as the opinion of the Full Commission on appeal. See *SSI, Inc. v. Cates*, 2009 Ark. App. 763, 350 S.W.3d 421.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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SCOTTY DALE DOUTHIT, Chairman

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M. SCOTT WILLHITE, Commissioner

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MICHAEL R. MAYTON, Commissioner