

COURT OF APPEALS OF VIRGINIA

Present: Judges Koontz, Bray and Senior Judge Hodges

JOSE ALONZO FLORES

v. Record No. 0029-95-4

MEMORANDUM OPINION\*  
PER CURIAM  
MAY 30, 1995

TITO CONTRACTORS  
AND  
LIBERTY MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY

FROM THE VIRGINIA WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION

(Atiq R. Ahmed, on brief), for appellant. Appellant submitting on brief.

No brief for appellees.

Atiq R. Ahmed, attorney for Jose Alonzo Flores, deceased, and his beneficiaries, appeals a decision of the Workers' Compensation Commission which denied Ahmed's petition for attorney's fees of \$12,000. Finding no error, we affirm the decision.

"Code § 65.1-102 [now Code § 65.2-714] provides that the fees of attorneys shall be subject to the approval and award of the Commission." Hudock v. Industrial Comm'n, 1 Va. App. 474, 477, 340 S.E.2d 168, 171 (1986).<sup>1</sup> In assessing Ahmed's petition, the commission properly considered, inter alia, the absence of significant dispute among the parties, the absence of any

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<sup>1</sup>As the commission correctly noted, Ahmed had been awarded \$600 in attorney's fees at the time the award for death benefits was entered by the commission on June 17, 1994.

appreciable benefit to Flores or his beneficiaries resulting from Ahmed's services, and the substantial time expended by Ahmed on non-legal matters. See id. at 478-79, 340 S.E.2d at 171. These factors, together with the entire record, provide ample support for limiting the award of attorney's fees to \$500.

Accordingly, for the reasons set forth in the commission's opinion, we find no abuse of discretion by the commission and affirm the decision.

Affirmed.