

U.S. Department of Labor

Administrative Review Board
200 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20210



In the Matter of:

ROBERT FINK,

ARB CASE NO. 13-018

COMPLAINANT,

ALJ CASE NO. 2012-STA-006

v.

DATE: JUL 16 2014

R&L TRANSFER, INC., and
R&L CARRIERS SHARED SERVICES,
LLC,

RESPONDENTS.

BEFORE: THE ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW BOARD

Appearances:

For the Complainant:

Paul O. Taylor, Esq., *Truckers Justice Center*, Burnsville, Minnesota

For the Respondents:

Peter J. Boyer, Esq., *Hyland Levin LLP*, Marlton, New Jersey

BEFORE: Paul M. Igasaki, *Chief Administrative Appeals Judge*; E. Cooper Brown, *Deputy Chief Administrative Appeals Judge*; and Joanne Royce, *Administrative Appeals Judge*

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ADMIN LAW JUDGES
WASHINGTON, DC

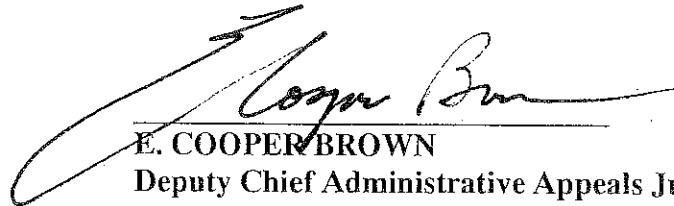
ORDER AWARDING ATTORNEY'S FEES

In a Final Decision and Order issued in this case on March 19, 2014, the Administrative Review Board (ARB) affirmed the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) Decision and Order finding that Respondents terminated Complainant Fink's employment in violation of the whistleblower protection provisions of the Surface Transportation Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C.A. § 31105 (Thomson/West Supp. 2013). The ARB affirmed the ALJ's order reinstating Fink to his former employment, and awarded back pay, compensatory and punitive damages, and attorney's fees for legal services before the ALJ. In addition, the ARB determined that Fink was also entitled to an award

of reasonable attorney's fees and costs incurred before it, and afforded Fink the opportunity of submitting a petition in support of an award of such fees and costs.

Accordingly, on April 21, 2014, Paul Taylor, Esq., Fink's attorney, filed with the ARB a verified itemized petition for attorney's fees and costs incurred before the ARB in this case in the amount of \$15,053.57. Attorney Taylor certified that a copy of the fee petition was simultaneously served upon Respondents' attorney. Respondents having filed no objection in opposition to the fee petition, and the ARB finding the itemization of fees and costs reasonable, Fink's request for the award of attorney's fees and costs in the amount of \$15,053.57 for legal services and costs provided by his legal representative before the ARB is approved. Respondents shall pay such award upon receipt of this order.

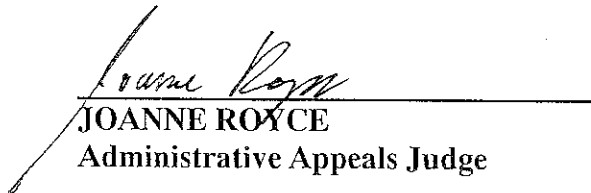
SO ORDERED.



E. COOPER BROWN
Deputy Chief Administrative Appeals Judge



PAUL M. IGASAKI
Chief Administrative Appeals Judge



JOANNE ROYCE
Administrative Appeals Judge