

SAFE HARBOR

A monthly newsletter for the Maritime worker from
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Thank you for your maritime service and taking the time to review our Newsletter. We at the Law Offices of Lyle C. Cavin, Jr. hope you find the following information helpful. If you have any questions regarding your rights or remedies please contact us at any time. We are here to serve you.



UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION BENEFITS



This month we are continuing our discussion of California benefits for those that work for APL, in light of the fact that APL no longer has offices in California. Because they are now an out of state company, they no longer pay into benefit programs in California, and the wages you earn working for them may not count toward California benefit programs either. The result is that you may either be denied benefits entirely or receive only a nominal amount from their home state.

QUESTION FROM THE BRIDGE



I got off an APL ship in Oakland and applied for unemployment in California, the same as I always do when I'm in between ships. I live in Oakland and have always shipped out here. I've never had a problem but this time they denied me, saying I had no eligible wages even though I worked for 9 months. What gives?

Greg W. - Oakland, CA

Greg,

What gives is that APL has re-located to Arizona, so the time you worked for them may not count towards your California unemployment benefits. One option is to file in Arizona. Be aware Arizona is not as generous as California and you will only get approximately half of what you could get in California. Another option is to appeal the decision. The process is very simple. The factors that work in your favor are that you are a California resident and that you caught the ship in Oakland.

TEMPORARY ADDRESS CHANGE

We have relocated to San Francisco while our new Oakland space undergoes renovation from fire damage. We have offices on both sides of the Bay to serve you! Look for our Oakland opening sometime in late spring. In the meantime, please contact us at

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