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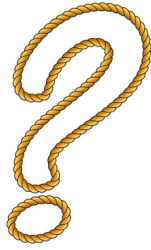
Thank you for your maritime service and taking the time to review our Newsletter. We at the Law Offices of Lyle C. Cavin, Jr. hope you find the following information helpful. If you have any questions regarding your rights or remedies please contact us at any time. We are here to serve you.



IMPORTANT UNEMPLOYMENT DECISION!

A recent decision out of Orange County is noteworthy and a must read. A merchant seaman who was injured while working for APL applied for California SDI benefits. His claim was denied because APL reported his wages in Arizona, instead of California. Therefore, when he applied for benefits it appeared that he had not made any contributions, despite it being docked from his paychecks. The judge held that he was entitled to benefits and that the amounts of his wages needed to be re-calculated to reflect the wages reported in Arizona. Additionally, an investigation into the practices of APL was opened because the judge acknowledged that there were probably many others who were similarly situated and had been wrongfully denied benefits due to the actions of APL. ([Link to full decision](#))

QUESTION FROM THE BRIDGE



I was injured while working for APL. I live in California and applied for CA SDI. My claim was denied. What should I do?

Bill H. Long Beach, CA

Appeal immediately. APL has been incorrectly reporting worker's income in Arizona, resulting in California's workers being incorrectly denied benefits. A recent decision by an administrative law judge holds that APL cannot continue to do this and an investigation has begun. Even if you have not been injured and you live in California, you should demand that CA SDI be taken out of your wages.

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