STATE OF NEW YORK
INDUSTRIAL BOARD OF APPEALS

In the Matter of the Petition of:

ANTONIO J. DEFRANCO,

Petitioner,


- against -

THE COMMISSIONER OF LABOR,

Respondent.

APPEARANCES

Antonio J. DeFranco, pro se Petitioner.

Maria L. Colavito, Counsel, New York State Department of Labor, Larissa C. Wasyl of Counsel, for Respondent.

WHEREAS:

This proceeding was commenced when the Petitioners filed a petition with the Industrial Board of Appeals (Board) on August 31, 2009 in an envelope post-marked August 26, 2009 seeking review of three orders that Respondent Commissioner of Labor (Commissioner) issued on June 26, 2009.

The petition was served on the Commissioner on September 14, 2009. The Commissioner moved on May 7, 2010 to dismiss the petition as untimely. The motion was first filed on September 24, 2009 but could not be served until May 2010. The Petitioner did not respond to the motion.
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Annie P. Steveson, Chairman
J. Christopher Meagher, Member
Jean Grumet, Member
LaMarr J. Jackson, Member
Jeffrey R. Cassidy, Member

Dated and signed in the Office of the Industrial Board of Appeals at New York, New York, on October 20, 2010.
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