

A.B.D. No. 88-4

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS COMMISSION APPEAL BOARD

OAL DKT #PRB-464-88
AGENCY DKT #AB-88-6

KAREN J. SINNREICH,

Petitioner,

v.

**COMMUNICATIONS WORKERS OF
AMERICA, AFL-CIO,**

Respondent.

Karen J. Sinnreich, petitioner, pro se

Michael T. Leibig, Esq. for respondent (Zwerdling, Paul,
Leibig, Kahn & Thompson, P.C., attorneys)

DECISION AND ORDER

On November 12, 1987, Karen J. Sinnreich, an employee of the State of New Jersey, filed a petition of appeal with the Public Employment Relations Commission Appeal Board contesting the amount assessed as a representation fees in lieu of dues paid to the Communications Workers of America, the majority representative. An Answer to the petition was filed on December 9, 1987.

On January 22, 1988, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14F-1 et seq., the Appeal Board transferred the petition as a contested case to the Office of Administrative Law for hearing. It was assigned to Administrative Law Judge Daniel B. McKeown. Prior to the opening of hearings the CWA and the petitioner entered into a stipulation of settlement. Judge McKeown reviewed the terms of the settlement and concluded that it was entered into voluntarily, fully disposed of

all issues in controversy and was consistent with law. N.J.A.C.
1:1-19.1.

On May 3, 1988 Judge McKeown issued an "Initial Decision-Settlement" ordering that all parties comply with the terms of the settlement and concluding the proceedings before him. We have reviewed the settlement and order, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-10, and conclude it is correct.

ORDER

The Initial Decision-Settlement of the Office of Administrative Law (attached hereto) is hereby affirmed.

BY ORDER OF THE APPEAL BOARD

WILLIAM L. NOTO

Chairman

Chairman Noto and Board Members Dorf and Verhage voted for this decision.

DATED: TRENTON, NEW JERSEY
May 10, 1988
ISSUED: May 10, 1988