

**BEFORE THE
EMPLOYMENT APPEAL BOARD
Lucas State Office Building
Fourth floor
Des Moines, Iowa 50319**

CHRISTOPHER S ERICKSON

Claimant

and

LIFEWORKS INC

Employer

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HEARING NUMBER: 16B-UI-06959

**EMPLOYMENT APPEAL BOARD
DECISION**

NOTICE

THIS DECISION BECOMES FINAL unless (1) a **request for a REHEARING** is filed with the Employment Appeal Board within **20 days** of the date of the Board's decision or, (2) a **PETITION TO DISTRICT COURT IS FILED WITHIN 30 days** of the date of the Board's decision.

A **REHEARING REQUEST** shall state the specific grounds and relief sought. If the rehearing request is denied, a petition may be filed in **DISTRICT COURT** within **30 days** of the date of the denial.

SECTION: 96.5-2-A, 96.3-7

DECISION

UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS ARE ALLOWED IF OTHERWISE ELIGIBLE

The Employer appealed this case to the Employment Appeal Board. All members of the Employment Appeal Board reviewed the entire record. A majority of the Appeal Board, one member dissenting, finds the administrative law judge's decision is correct. With the following modification, the administrative law judge's Findings of Fact and Reasoning and Conclusions of Law are adopted by the Board as its own. The administrative law judge's decision is **AFFIRMED** with the following **MODIFICATION**:

The majority Board members would modify the administrative law judge's Reasoning and Conclusions of Law, p. 2, first paragraph to reflect that the Claimant was ***not*** discharged for misconduct.

In addition, we would remand this matter to the Iowa Workforce Development, Claims Bureau, for a determination of whether the Claimant is able and available for work.

Ashley R. Koopmans

James M. Strohman

DISSENTING OPINION OF KIM D. SCHMETT:

I respectfully dissent from the majority decision of the Employment Appeal Board; I would reverse the administrative law judge's decision. Although the Employer did not have a 'no compete' clause, any reasonable person would know that setting up a competing business while an employee for the current Employer goes against that Employer's interests. For this reason, I would conclude that misconduct has been established and benefits should be until such time he has worked in and has been paid wages for insured work equal to ten times his weekly benefit amount, provided he is otherwise eligible. See, Iowa Code section 96.5(2)"a".

Kim D. Schmett

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