

SUMMARY STATEMENT

Hartgrave v. City of Twin Falls

Docket No. 44552

In Charles Leroy Hartgrave's appeal from the Idaho Industrial Commission (the Commission), the Idaho Supreme Court affirmed. The Commission denied Hartgrave's claim that sought coverage under Idaho's Worker's Compensation Act for the total knee arthroplasty (TKA) in his right knee. While Hartgrave pointed to two accidents in which he injured his left knee while working for the City of Twin Falls to argue that his right TKA was compensable, the Commission concluded that the evidence did not show that either accident caused the need for Hartgrave's right TKA.

The Idaho Supreme Court affirmed when Hartgrave timely appealed. The Court held that the Commission's ruling was supported by substantial, competent evidence. While Hartgrave challenged the evidentiary determinations of the Commission, the Court concluded that Hartgrave had failed to show that the Commission's evidentiary determinations were clearly erroneous. Because the Commission's ruling was supported by substantial, competent evidence, the Court affirmed.