



Law Office of Pasquale Marago, LLC,
Petitioner,

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

v.

**New Jersey Department of Labor and
Workforce Development,**
Respondent.

**FINAL ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION
OF THE
COMMISSIONER**

**OAL DKT. NO LID 14296-23
AGENCY DKT. NO. 23-040**

Issued: August 22, 2025

The appeal of the Law Office of Pasquale Marago, LLC (petitioner) concerning an unemployment and temporary disability contributions assessment was transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law for determination as a contested case. The record indicates that the matter was scheduled for telephone pre-hearing conferences on March 26, 2025, March 28, 2025, April 23, 2025 and June 23, 2025, all of which were before Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) William T. Cooper III. The record also reflects that the petitioner did not appear at any of the telephone pre-hearing conferences and has not offered any explanation for its failure to appear. Thus, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 1:1-3.3(b), the ALJ returned the matter to the Department of Labor and Workforce Development for appropriate disposition.

A review of the Department of Labor and Workforce Development's records indicates that the petitioner has, to date, failed to offer any explanation for its failure to appear at the scheduled telephone pre-hearing conferences. As a result, I find that the appeal of this matter should be dismissed.

ORDER

Therefore, it is ordered that petitioner's appeal be dismissed and that petitioner immediately remit to the Department the entire amount assessed for unpaid unemployment and temporary disability contributions for the years 2018 through 2022 totaling \$8,253.00, along with applicable interest and penalties.

This is the final administrative determination in this matter. Any further review should be pursued in a judicial forum.

DECISION RENDERED BY
THE COMMISSIONER, DEPARTMENT
OF LABOR AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Asaro-Angelo', is written over a horizontal line.

Robert Asaro-Angelo, Commissioner
Department of Labor and Workforce Development

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