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Workers' Compensation
Commission Division
FILED: January 10, 2011

No. 01-09-3071WC

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IN THE
APPELLATE COURT OF ILLINOIS
FIRST DISTRICT
WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION DIVISION

CORPORATE EXPRESS,)	Appeal from the Circuit Court
)	of Cook County.
Plaintiff-Appellant,)	
)	
v.)	No. 09-L-50127
)	
ILLINOIS WORKERS' COMPENSATION)	
COMMISSION and CHRISTOPHER MURRAY,)	Honorable
)	Elmer J. Tolmaire III,
Defendants-Appellees.)	Judge, Presiding.

JUSTICE HUDSON delivered the judgment of the court.
Presiding Justice McCullough and Justices Hoffman, Holdridge, and Stewart, JJ.,
concur in the judgment.

ORDER

HELD: Where respondent failed to support its arguments with proper authority, all of its arguments were forfeited.

The sole issue raised in this appeal is whether the Workers' Compensation Commission (Commission) erred in awarding certain medical expenses to claimant, Christopher Murray.

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Respondent, Corporate Express, contends that the award was erroneous both as a matter of fact and law. For the reasons that follow, we affirm.

We note that respondent supports a number of its arguments entirely (save for standards of review and a brief reference to the controlling statute) with citation to decisions of the Commission. This is improper. See *S & H Floor Covering, Inc. v. Workers' Compensation Comm'n*, 373 Ill. App. 3d 259, 266 (2007) (“Decisions of the Commission in unrelated cases have no precedential impact on cases before this court”). Indeed, we have expressly held, “Decisions of the Commission are not precedential and thus should not be cited.” *Global Products v. Workers' Compensation Comm'n*, 392 Ill. App. 3d 408, 413 (2009). Accordingly, we strike respondent’s references to such decisions from its brief. Further, “a failure to provide proper argument and authority results in a forfeiture of [an] argument.” *Eisenberg v. Industrial Comm'n*, 337 Ill. App. 3d 373, 384 (2003). A reviewing court is not, after all, a repository into which a party may foist the burden of performing appropriate legal research. *TTC Illinois, Inc./Tom Via Trucking v. Workers' Compensation Comm'n*, 396 Ill. App. 3d 344, 353 (2009). Accordingly, we deem all of respondent’s argument forfeited.

In light of the foregoing, the judgment of the circuit court of Cook County confirming the decision of the Commission is affirmed.

Affirmed.