STATE OF LOUISIANA

COURT OF APPEAL

FIRST CIRCUIT

2004 CA 0965

CHAILLAND BUSINESS CONSULTANTS

VERSUS

LARRY J. DUPLANTIS, JR.

CONSOLIDATED WITH

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Judgment rendered: May 6, 2005

On Appeal from District 9 Office of Workers' Compensation Administration Parish of Terrebonne Docket Number: 02-04821 Honorable Glenn F. Voisin, Judge Presiding

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BEFORE: WHIPPLE, DOWNING AND HUGHES, JJ. Whippe, g. concurs.

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DOWNING, J.

This Court rendered an opinion in this case on October 29, 2004 (02-04483 c/w 02-04821) affirming the Office of Workers' Compensation decision in favor of Larry J. Duplantis, Jr. The sole issue of this appeal is whether Chailland Business Consultants failed to "reasonably controvert" Duplantis' demand for indemnity and medical expenses and thereby avoid attorney fees and penalties.

After a thorough review of the record, we find that the Office of Workers' Compensation Court did not err in awarding penalties and attorney fees.

We affirm in accordance with Uniform Court of Appeal Rule 2-16.2A (6) and (8). All costs of this appeal are assessed against the appellant, Chailland Business Consultants.

AFFIRMED