

MISSOURI COURT OF APPEALS EASTERN DISTRICT
OPINION SUMMARY

DAWN SHELLY,)	Nos. ED99812 & ED99813
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Appellant,)	Appeal from the Labor and
)	Industrial Relations Commission
vs.)	
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DRURY INNS, INC.,)	
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Respondent.)	FILED: October 22, 2013

Dawn Shelly (Claimant) appeals the decisions of the Labor and Industrial Relations Commission denying her claims against Drury Inns, Inc. (Employer) for worker's compensation benefits. Claimant challenges the Commission's central finding, based on competing experts' opinions, that her work wasn't a substantial factor in the cause of her low back condition.

AFFIRMED.

DIVISION ONE HOLDS: This court's standard of review defeats Claimant's appeal. The reviewing court does not substitute its judgment for that of the Commission. Determinations of causation and work-relatedness are questions of fact for the Commission. The Commission is the judge of the credibility of witnesses and has discretion to determine the weight to be given expert opinions. Acceptance or rejection of medical evidence is for the Commission. The Commission is free to choose between opposing experts, and this court will not disrupt such choices even if the competing expert is worthy of belief.

Opinion by: Clifford H. Ahrens, Judge Roy L. Richter, P.J., and Glenn A. Norton,
J., concur.

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