

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CIRCUIT

AQUA-ASTON HOSPITALITY, LLC D/B/A ASTON )  
WAIKIKI BEACH HOTEL AND HOTEL RENEW )

ORIGINAL

Petitioner/Cross-Respondent ) Nos. 17-1117, 17-1180

v. )

NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD )

Respondent/Cross-Petitioner )

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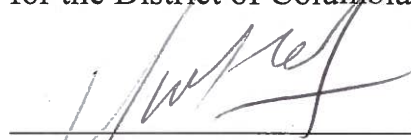
CONSENT JUDGMENT

THIS CAUSE came to be heard upon two petitions filed by Aqua-Aston Hospitality, LLC d/b/a Aston Waikiki Beach Hotel and Hotel Renew, for review of Orders of the National Labor Relations Board in 1) Board Case Nos. 20-CA-145717, 20-CA-145720, 20-CA-145725, 20-CA-146582, 20-CA-146583, and 20-CA-148013, issued on April 11, 2017, reported at 365 NLRB No. 44, Docket No. 17-1117 and 2) Board Case Nos. 20-CA-154749, 20-CA-157769, 20-CA-160516, and 20-CA-160517, issued on April 10, 2017, reported at 365 NLRB No. 53, Docket No. 17-1118, and a cross-application by the Board for enforcement of its Orders. The cases having been consolidated, Aqua-Aston Hospitality, LLC d/b/a Aston Waikiki Beach Hotel and Hotel Renew and the Board having advised this Court of their desire to dispose of this matter by entry of a consent judgment enforcing the Board's Orders;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND ADJUDGED by the Court that the said Orders of the National Labor Relations Board are hereby enforced and that the Petitioner, Aqua-Aston Hospitality, LLC d/b/a Aston Waikiki Beach Hotel and Hotel Renew, its officers, agents, successors, and assigns, shall abide by and perform the directions of the Board set forth in its Orders reported at 365 NLRB No. 44 and 365 NLRB No. 53. (See attached Orders and Appendices)

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Judge, United States Court of Appeals  
for the District of Columbia Circuit



Judge, United States Court of Appeals  
for the District of Columbia Circuit

Gregory H. Katsen

Judge, United States Court of Appeals  
for the District of Columbia Circuit

Filed On: March 20, 2018

*Board Case Nos. 20-CA-145717, 20-CA-145720, 20-CA-145725, 20-CA-146582, 20-CA-146583, and 20-CA-148013, reported at 365 NLRB No. 44*

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**ORDER**

Aqua-Aston Hospitality, LLC f/k/a Aston Hotels and Resorts, LLC d/b/a Aston Waikiki Beach Hotel and Hotel Renew, its officers, agents, successors, and assigns, shall

1. Cease and desist from
  - (a) Interrogating employees about their union membership, activities, and sympathies or the union membership, activities, and sympathies of fellow employees.
  - (b) Placing employees under surveillance while they engage in union or other protected concerted activities.
  - (c) Directing employees to remove union buttons from their uniforms or other work clothing.
  - (d) Encouraging or soliciting employees to sign a petition withdrawing support from UNITE HERE! Local 5 or any other labor organization.
  - (e) Threatening employees with adverse employment consequences or unspecified reprisals for engaging in union or other protected concerted activities.
  - (f) Threatening or impliedly threatening off-duty employees with adverse employment consequences or unspecified reprisals for handbilling in nonwork areas.
  - (g) In any like or related manner interfering with, restraining, or coercing employees in the exercise of the rights guaranteed them by Section 7 of the Act.
2. Take the following affirmative action necessary to effectuate the policies of the Act.
  - (a) Within 14 days after service by the Region, post at its facility in

Honolulu, Hawaii copies of the attached notice marked "Appendix" in English, Ilocano and Tagalog. Copies of the notice, on forms provided by the Regional Director for Region 20, after being signed by the Respondent's authorized representative, shall be posted by the Respondent and maintained for 60 consecutive days in conspicuous places including all places where notices to employees are customarily posted. In addition to physical posting of paper notices, the notices shall be distributed electronically, such as by email, posting on an intranet or an internet site, and/or other electronic means, if the Respondent customarily communicates with its employees by such means. Reasonable steps shall be taken by the Respondent to ensure that the notices are not altered, defaced, or covered by any other material. If the Respondent has gone out of business or closed the facility involved in these proceedings, the Respondent shall duplicate and mail, at its own expense, a copy of the notice to all current employees and former employees employed by the Respondent at any time since February 3, 2015.

- (b) Within 21 days after service by the Region, file with the Regional Director for Region 20 a sworn certification of a responsible official on a form provided by the Region attesting to the steps that the Respondent has taken to comply.

**APPENDIX****NOTICE TO EMPLOYEES**

**POSTED PURSUANT TO A JUDGMENT OF THE UNITED STATES  
COURT OF APPEALS ENFORCING AN ORDER OF THE  
NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD  
An Agency of the United States Government**

The National Labor Relations Board had found that we violated Federal labor law and has ordered us to post and obey this notice.

**FEDERAL LAW GIVES YOU THE RIGHT TO**

Form, join, or assist a union

Choose representatives to bargain with us on your behalf

Act together with other employees for your benefit and protection

Choose not to engage in any of these protected activities

WE WILL NOT interrogate you about your union membership, activities, and sympathies or the union membership, activities, and sympathies of your fellow employees.

WE WILL NOT place you under surveillance while you engage in union or other protected concerted activities.

WE WILL NOT direct you to remove union buttons from your uniforms or other work clothing.

WE WILL NOT encourage or solicit you to sign any documents withdrawing support from UNITE HERE! Local 5 or any other labor organization.

WE WILL NOT threaten you with adverse employment consequences or unspecified reprisals if you engage in union or other protected concerted activities.

WE WILL NOT impliedly threaten to discipline or terminate off-duty employees for engaging in activities protected by Section 7 of the Act in nonwork areas of our premises.

WE WILL NOT in any like or related manner interfere with, restrain, or coerce you in the exercise of the rights listed above.

**AQUA-ASTON HOSPITALITY, LLC F/K/A ASTON HOTELS AND RESORTS,  
LLC D/B/A ASTON WAIKIKI BEACH HOTEL AND HOTEL RENEW**

The Board's decision can be found at [www.nlr.gov/case/20-CA-145717](http://www.nlr.gov/case/20-CA-145717) or by using the QR code below. Alternatively, you can obtain a copy of the decision from the Executive Secretary, National Labor Relations Board, 1015 Half Street, S.E., Washington, D.C. 20570, or by calling (202) 273-1940.



*Board Case Nos. 20-CA-154749, 20-CA-157769, 20-CA-160516, and 20-CA-160517, reported at 365 NLRB No. 53*

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**ORDER**

Aqua-Aston Hospitality, LLC d/b/a Aston Waikiki Beach Hotel and Hotel Renew, its officers, agents, successors, and assigns, shall

1. Cease and desist from
  - (a) Disciplining employees because they engaged in union and/or protected activity;
  - (b) Ordering employees to cease engaging in union and/or protected activity;
  - (c) Threatening employees with discharge for engaging in union and/or protected activity;
  - (d) Soliciting employees to disclose their union sympathies; or
  - (e) Threatening employees with unspecified reprisals for handbilling in nonwork areas.
  - (f) In any like or related manner interfering with, restraining, or coercing employees in the exercise of the rights guaranteed them by Section 7 of the Act.
2. Take the following affirmative action necessary to effectuate the policies of the Act:
  - (a) Within 14 days from the date of this Order, remove from its files any reference to its unlawful discipline of Edgardo Guzman and Santos ("Sonny") Ragunjan, and within 3 days thereafter notify each of them in writing that this has been done and that this discipline will not be used against him in any way.
  - (b) Within 14 days after service by the Region, post at its facility in Honolulu, Hawaii copies of the attached notice marked "Appendix" in English, Ilocano, and Tagalog. Copies of the notice, on forms provided by the Regional Director for Region 20, after being signed by the Respondent's authorized representative, shall be posted by the

Respondent and maintained for 60 consecutive days in conspicuous places including all places where notices to employees are customarily posted. In addition to physical posting of paper notices, notices shall be distributed electronically, such as by email, posting on an intranet or an internet site, and/or other electronic means, if the Respondent customarily communicates with its employees by such means. Reasonable steps shall be taken by the Respondent to ensure that the notices are not altered, defaced, or covered by any other material. If the Respondent has gone out of business or closed the facility involved in these proceedings, the Respondent shall duplicate and mail, at its own expense, a copy of the notice to all current employees and former employees employed by the Respondent at any time since May 19, 2015.

- (c) Within 21 days after service by the Region, file with the Regional Director for Region 20 a sworn certification of a responsible official on a form provided by the Region attesting to the steps that Respondent has taken to comply.

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WE WILL NOT order you to cease engaging in union and/or protected activity.

WE WILL NOT threaten you with discharge for engaging in union and/or protected activity.

WE WILL NOT ask you to disclose your feelings about the union.

WE WILL NOT threaten you with unspecified reprisals for handbilling in nonwork areas of the Hotel properties.

WE WILL NOT in any like or related manner interfere with, restrain, or coerce you in the exercise of the rights listed above.

WE WILL, within 14 days from the date of the Board's Order, remove from our files any reference to the unlawful written warnings issued to Edgardo Guzman and Santos "Sonny" Ragunjan, and WE WILL, within 3 days thereafter, notify each of them in writing that this has been done and that the written warnings will not be used against them in any way.

**AQUA-ASTON HOSPITALITY, LLC D/B/A ASTON WAIKIKI BEACH HOTEL  
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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on March 8, 2018, I electronically filed the foregoing document with the Clerk of the Court for the United States Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit by using the CM/ECF system. I certify that the foregoing document will be served via the CM/ECF system on all counsel, who are registered CM/ECF users.

/s/Linda Dreeben

Linda Dreeben

Deputy Associate General Counsel

National Labor Relations Board

1015 Half Street, SE

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Dated at Washington, DC  
this 8th day of March, 2018

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**CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE**

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Appellate Procedure 27(d)(2), the Board certifies that this motion contains 328 words of proportionally-spaced, 14-point type, and the word processing system used was Microsoft Word 2010.

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Dated at Washington, DC  
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