



UNITED STATES
CIVILIAN BOARD OF CONTRACT APPEALS

February 25, 2025

CBCA 8172-TRAV

In the Matter of KATRINA W.

Katrina W., Claimant.

Mike Duerr, Program Manager, Student Programs and Fellowships, Talent Acquisition Directorate, Global Talent Management Bureau, Department of State, Washington, DC, appearing for Department of State.

CHADWICK, Board Judge.

Claimant served a paid internship with the agency in New York, New York. During the internship, the agency maintained that claimant's duty location was Washington, DC, and that she was on temporary duty in New York. The agency refused, however, to pay travel entitlements such as per diem. In August 2024, after the internship, the agency recognized its "error" and undertook to correct claimant's "personnel file to list New York City as the actual duty station and [to] retroactively provide" compensation for the difference in locality pay between the two cities.

Claimant sought our review, seeking "the per diem allowance [she] should have been allotted." The agency reiterates its intention to "issue [claimant] a payment for the locality pay discrepancy" once it receives the necessary forms from claimant. We deny the claim.

The parties agree that claimant worked in New York. We see no error in the agency's corrected determination of her duty station. *See Samuel C. Parshall*, CBCA 6890-TRAV, 20-1 BCA ¶ 37,693, at 182,995–97 & n.2, *motion for reconsideration denied*, 20-1 BCA ¶ 37,699. Claimant cannot obtain both the locality pay and per diem. *See* 41 CFR 301-1.3 (2023) (eligibility for travel allowances).

Kyle Chadwick

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Board Judge