§ 97-86.2. Interest on awards after hearing.

In any workers' compensation case in which an order is issued either granting or denying an
award to the employee and where there is an appeal resulting in an ultimate award to the
employee, the insurance carrier or employer shall pay interest on the final award or unpaid
portion thereof from the date of the initial hearing on the claim, until paid at the legal rate of
interest provided in G.S. 24-1. If interest is paid it shall not be a part of, or in any way increase
attorneys' fees, but shall be paid in full to the claimant. (1981, c. 242, s. 1; 1985, c. 598; 1987,
c. 729, s. 16.)