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Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission

Mr. Robert Rapaport Named Commissioner of the Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission



[Richmond, VA]- On January 18, 2017, the Virginia General Assembly appointed Robert Rapaport as Commissioner of the Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission (VWC). Commissioner Rapaport will join Commissioners Wesley G. Marshall and R. Ferrell Newman. The Commissioners serve as appellate judges at the agency and direct its operations and staff of 292.

Commissioner Rapaport will begin his judgeship at the VWC on February 16, 2017. He is a 1976 graduate of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University and earned his Juris Doctor degree in 1979 from the Marshall Wythe School of Law at the College of William and Mary. His appointment as Commissioner follows a 35-year practice of law with a heavy concentration in workers' compensation. He currently serves as President of the Virginia Workers' Compensation American Inn of Court and was nominated as a fellow of the College of Workers' Compensation Lawyers in 2016.

About The Commission

The Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission (VWC), established in 1918, is an independent judicial and administrative state agency which oversees the workers' compensation system for employees, employers, and insurers. VWC interprets and applies the Virginia Workers' Compensation Act and resolves claims through hearings and mediation. A 2016 Oregon study ranked Virginia as the fifth-lowest cost system in the nation. Leading the way in electronic data and claims filing systems, in 2016 VWC processed over 47,000 claims and issued over 3,800 judicial opinions. VWC also administers the Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund, the Uninsured Employer's Fund, and adjudicates claims under the Virginia Birth-Related Neurological Injury Compensation Program. Headquartered in Richmond, Virginia, VWC operates regional offices in Bristol, Virginia Beach, Roanoke, Harrisonburg, Manassas, and Fairfax.

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