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Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission

Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission Appoints D. Edward Wise, Jr. As Deputy Commissioner

[Richmond, VA]- The Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission announces the appointment of D. Edward Wise, Jr. as Deputy Commissioner at its Lebanon regional office. Deputy Commissioner Wise will serve as an administrative law judge for evidentiary and on-the-record hearings under the Virginia Workers' Compensation Act. He will hold hearing dockets in Big Stone Gap.

Wise was appointed to serve as Deputy Commissioner on August 29, 2016. He is a graduate of East Tennessee State University and Cumberland School of Law at Samford University. Prior to joining the Commission, he spent over 22 years representing Claimants in Virginia and Tennessee. Mr. Wise was selected by his peers for the past five years to be included in Best Lawyers in America and he is a Fellow in the College of Workers' Compensation Lawyers.

The Commission is pleased to announce and welcome this highly-experienced attorney to serve as Deputy Commissioner in the agency.

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 2014 Oregon study ranked Virginia as the fourth-lowest cost system in the nation. Leading the way in electronic data and claims filing systems, in 2015 VWC processed over 52,000 claims and issued over 4,100 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 Lebanon, Virginia Beach, Roanoke, Harrisonburg, Manassas, and Fairfax.

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