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## Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission

# Press Release

## Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission Appoints William T. Kennard As New Deputy Commissioner

**Richmond, Virginia, April 14, 2016:** The Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission announces the appointment of William T. Kennard as Deputy Commissioner at its Manassas regional office. Deputy Commissioner Kennard 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 Fairfax and Manassas.

Kennard was appointed to serve as Deputy Commissioner on April 7, 2016. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Hofstra University and then his Juris Doctor degree from the St. John's University School of Law. Prior to joining the Commission, he worked for many years as an attorney in private practice with the firm of O'Connell & O'Connell, LLC.

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 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 55,000 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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