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Erin Bishop Named Supervisor of the Nationally Recognized Alternative Dispute Resolution Program

[Richmond, VA]- The Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission is pleased to announce Erin Bishop has joined the agency as Supervisor of the Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Department. Erin joined the Commission staff on November 10, 2016.

As the ADR Supervisor, Erin assumes a leadership role for the Commission's key mediation initiative. She will lead the ADR Department's support staff in accordance with the Ethical Guidelines of Virginia Supreme Court Certified Mediators and the Commission's Code of Ethics policies. She also will oversee general business operations for this award winning department. In September 2016 the ADR Department received the Innovator's Award from the International Association of Industrial Accident Boards and Commissions.

Erin brings strong value to the ADR Department within her expertise as a Virginia Supreme Court Certified Mediator and a member of the Virginia Mediation Network. Prior to joining the Commission, Erin worked at the Office of the Attorney General of Virginia as a Dispute Resolution Specialist in the Consumer Protection Section. In that role she assisted citizens and businesses in resolving consumer transaction disputes and enforcing the Virginia Consumer Protection Act.

Erin attended George Mason University where she earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Integrative Studies with a concentration in Conflict Transformation and a Minor in Conflict Analysis and Resolution. She earned her Master of Science degree in Conflict Analysis and Resolution from George Mason.

The Commission is pleased to announce and welcome Erin as its new Supervisor of the Alternative Dispute Resolution Department.

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 Bristol, Virginia Beach, Roanoke, Harrisonburg, Manassas, and Fairfax.

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