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Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission

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WVC's Alternative Dispute Resolution Supervisor Receives IAIABC's 2020 NextGen Award



[Richmond, VA]- The Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission is proud to announce the [International Association of Industrial Accident Boards and Commissions](#) (IAIABC) has awarded its 2020 NextGen Award to the Commission's Alternative Dispute Resolution Supervisor, Mrs. Erin Bishop.

The IAIABC's NextGen Award recognizes individuals under the age of 40 who are having a positive impact on workers' compensation and their organizations. Mrs. Bishop was one of six recipients selected from a pool of nominees for this highly competitive and prestigious award.

"The Commission is pleased that Mrs. Bishop has been selected for this international award," said Commission Chairman, R. Ferrell Newman. "She continues to advance our Alternative Dispute Resolution program and has been a key player in transforming our mediation program here at the Commission. We are excited to congratulate Mrs. Bishop on this achievement, along with her strong commitment to our vision of being the most effective and innovative state agency."

Mrs. Bishop will be featured in the IAIABC's "Meet the NextGen" video series and recognized during a virtual webinar in early 2021. She will also be featured in [IAIABC's](#) December issue of *Perspectives* quarterly digital magazine.



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2020 IAIABC NextGen Award Recipients

About the Commission

An Oregon study, completed every other year, ranked Virginia as the tenth lowest cost system in the nation in 2018. Leading the way in electronic data and claims filing systems, in 2019 VWC processed over 48,000 claims and issued over 4,000 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.

The Commission is led by a Senior Leadership team consisting of three Commissioners, an Executive Director and a Chief Deputy Commissioner. Commissioners are selected by the General Assembly and serve six-year terms. Honorable R. Ferrell Newman, Honorable Wesley G. Marshall and Honorable Robert A. Rapaport currently serve as Commissioners. The Commissioners elect a Chairman to serve a three-year term. Commissioner Newman currently serves as Chairman. Ms. Evelyn McGill is the Commission's Executive Director and Honorable James J. Szablewicz is the Commission's Chief Deputy Commissioner.

The Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission (VWC), established in 1918, is an independent judicial and administrative state agency that 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.

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