

# NEWSLETTER

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## Worker's Compensation Update

Governor Snyder has announced the inaugural appointments to the new Michigan Compensation Appellate Commission. This Commission will address appeals from decisions dealing with workers' disability compensation claims and unemployment benefits claims. The new Appellate Commission will have 9 members. Their terms of office begin August 1, 2011. Workers disability compensation claims that remain pending before the current Workers Compensation Appellate Commission will then be decided by members of the new Appellate Commission.

The new Compensation Appellate Commission members are:

- Jack Wheatley, who previously served as a Director of the Michigan Unemployment Agency and a Director of the Bureau of Workers Disability Compensation; Mr. Wheatley was appointed chairperson of the new Appellate Commission,
- Gregory Przybylo, the current chairperson of the Workers' Compensation Appellate Commission,
- George Wyatt, III, another current member of the Workers' Compensation Appellate Commission,
- L'Mell Smith, a previous member of the Workers' Compensation Appeal Board and the Workers' Compensation Board of Magistrates,
- Garry Goolsby, a former member of the Workers' Compensation Board of Magistrates and Workers' Compensation Appeal Board, and a current member of the Michigan Employment Security Court of Review,

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- Danielle Brown, who served as an administrative law judge in the Michigan Administrative Hearing system,
- Patricia Halm, a member of the Michigan Tax Tribunal,
- Lester Owczarski, who previously served as a member of the Michigan Employment Security Board of Review, as an administrative law judge on the Michigan Liquor Control Commission and as a legal assistant to the Workers' Compensation Board of Magistrates, and
- Neal Young, who served on the Michigan Employment Security Board of Review.

Governor Snyder's official announcement can be viewed, on the internet, at: [michigan.gov/snyder](http://michigan.gov/snyder). Select "Appointment Announcements" to read the article.

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