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Oklahoma Workers' Compensation Commission Hires General Counsel



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Oklahoma Workers' Compensation Commission (WCC): In a special public meeting, the Commission voted unanimously today to hire Sarah Greenwalt as the agency's new General Counsel. The General Counsel will act as a legal advisor to the three commissioners of the WCC. Ms. Greenwalt's employment will begin June 25th, 2018. She will report directly to Commissioners Mark Liotta, Jordan Russell and Megan Tilly.

Chairman Liotta said, "Sarah Greenwalt brings a broad mix of governmental legal experience, first as a law clerk at the U.S. Department of Veteran's Affairs, then as Assistant Solicitor General and General Counsel to the State Attorney General providing counsel for numerous state agencies and the Governor's office, and finally as a Senior Counsel to the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in Washington D.C. She has argued cases at the district and appellate courts and State Supreme Court. We are fortunate to find someone with her knowledge of State government legal operations and demonstrated legal acumen."

As General Counsel, Sarah Greenwalt will provide counsel for all legal, operational, and regulatory concerns of the WCC. Additionally, she will provide managerial support to the WCC's counseling division and actively participate in the agency's legislative efforts.

Commissioner Tilly added, "Having known and worked with Ms. Greenwalt for a number of years, I am excited to announce her employment with the Commission. With her extensive background in both state and federal governmental law, she will be a tremendous asset to the Commission as the state transitions from a court-based system to an administrative-based workers compensation structure."

In addition to providing legal advice to leadership and all divisions of the WCC, the General Counsel will advise regarding the Oklahoma Open Meetings Act and process open record requests, oversee and advise on all contracts, and support the agency's regulatory functions including permitting services and the compliance division.

Oklahoma's workers' compensation system was reformed in 2013, establishing the Administrative Workers' Compensation Act (Act). The Act created the Workers' Compensation Commission (WCC) which became fully operational effective February 1, 2014. The WCC provides a forum for workers' compensation hearings and appeals, ensures compliance with relevant statutes by employers, and regulates organizations who wish to self-fund their workers' compensation Obligations.

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