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Workers' Compensation Commission

ADVISORY

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The Commission Appoints Kristen McRee as Executive Director

Kristen S. McRee, Esq. has been appointed Executive Director by the South Carolina Workers' Compensation Commission. She will assume the position effective November 1, 2025. Ms. McRee will be responsible for the Commission's administrative operations and serves at the pleasure of the Full Commission.

Mrs. McRee joined the Commission in March 2021 as a staff attorney working in the Commission's Legal Department. On August 17, 2023, she was promoted to Director of Administrative Services. As Administrative Services Director she has been responsible for monitoring compliance with state and federal laws, developing internal policies and procedures, overseeing the Commission finance and budgetary operations and transactions, administering the human resources program, and providing stakeholder outreach to various groups.

Prior to her tenure at the Commission, Mrs. McRee practiced workers' compensation law in the private sector representing both claimants and employer/carriers. In addition to her workers' compensation experience, Mrs. McRee has demonstrated a deep commitment to public service throughout her professional career. She has served as a staff member in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives and a legal staff member for the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole. She is a 2011 recipient of the President's Volunteer Service Award and a 2011 recipient of a United States Marine Corps Certificate of Commendation for her volunteer efforts as a family readiness officer for the 1st Marine Logistics Group, Combat Logistics Regiment 17 in Camp Pendleton, California.

She graduated from Widener University Commonwealth Law School earning her juris doctorate degree and graduated with distinction from George Mason University earning her bachelor's degree in sociology with a minor in American government. She was inducted into the Stanford E. Lacy Workers' Compensation Inn of Court in 2025 and is a South Carolina LeadSC program graduate.

Please direct any inquiries to Chairman T. Scott Beck at 803-737-5698.