

On Thursday, the General Assembly [confirmed](#) Andrew T. Heath as Governor McCrory's first appointed Commissioner to the North Carolina Industrial Commission. We have learned today that Mr. Heath has begun his duties. Mr. Heath will assume the role of Chair of the Commission, essentially the head of the agency. He replaces outgoing Chair Staci Meyer whose term has expired.

Governor McCrory announced Mr. Heath's appointment in February. Prior to joining the Industrial Commission, Mr. Heath practiced law in the Wilmington office of the firm Hedrick Gardner Kincheloe and Garofalo, where he focused his practice in part on workers' compensation matters. He received his undergraduate degree in 2003 from the University of North Carolina - Asheville and earned his law degree from Indiana University in 2006.

Mr. Heath comes to the Commission with more experience in workers' compensation than many past appointees. Moreover, his training as an attorney will be critical to the exercise of his judicial duties.

We offer our best wishes, Mr. Heath, as he takes on this important position. We also offer thanks to outgoing Chair Meyer for her service to the administration of justice in the workers' comp system.