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### **Tony Couture Reappointed Workers' Compensation Judge**

**Albuquerque, N.M. July 27, 2018** – New Mexico Workers' Compensation Administration (WCA) Director Darin A. Childers announced the reappointment of Anthony "Tony" Couture to serve a five-year term as a workers' compensation judge, effective August 28, 2018.

By law, workers' compensation judges are appointed for an initial one-year term, which may then be followed by subsequent five-year appointments. Judge Couture began his initial term on August 28, 2017. The reappointment expires in August 2023.

Couture was hired as a WCA mediator in January of 2017, after spending 10 years in private law practice. His workers' compensation experience includes representing both employers/insurers and injured workers. Couture earned his law degree in 2007 from the University of New Mexico School of Law. Prior to his legal career, he worked as a registered nurse, in both emergency room and in-patient settings, and as a computer scientist. Originally from Sheboygan, Wis., Couture grew up along the shores of Lake Michigan, and served in the United States Coast Guard. Couture moved to New Mexico in 1982. He is recently married and has three children.

There are currently five workers' compensation judge positions in the WCA's Adjudication Bureau based out of Albuquerque. Workers' compensation judges hear and decide disputes over benefits due to injured workers throughout New Mexico.