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Workers' Compensation Judge Shanon Riley Reappointed

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Administration (WCA) Director Darin A. Childers announced the reappointment of Shanon S. Riley to serve a new five-year term as a workers' compensation judge, effective August 20, 2017.

"I appreciate Judge Riley and the work she has done over her first six years at the WCA," Childers said. "Based on the recent written comments I received, it is clear that she has earned the respect of those who appear and argue in front of her. I am very pleased to reappoint her to a new term and I know she will continue to serve the WCA and the public very well into the future."

By law, workers' compensation judges are appointed for an initial one-year term, which may then be followed by subsequent five-year appointments. Judge Riley was initially appointed on August 20, 2011.

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"I sincerely appreciate the honor and privilege for the opportunity to continue to serve the state of New Mexico and the workers' compensation community," Riley said of her reappointment. "I would especially like to thank Director Childers, (Executive Deputy Director), Dana Chavez, and those who supported my reappointment. I very much look forward to continuing in this position."

Judge Riley practiced law in New Mexico for 10 years prior to joining the WCA. At the time of her appointment, she had been serving as assistant district attorney in the 1st Judicial District in Santa Fe. She had previously spent three years as the general counsel for the New Mexico Department of Military Affairs. Riley also worked as an analyst for the New Mexico House Judiciary Committee; as an associate attorney with a private law firm; and as an associate trial attorney for the 2nd Judicial District Attorney's Office. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in criminal justice in 1993 and a Juris Doctorate degree in 2001, both from the University of New Mexico.