
MEMORANDUM

TO: MEMBERS OF THE BAR

FROM: MICHAEL J. BRENNAN, CHAIRMAN

SUBJECT: IWCC SUSPENDS ARBITRATION AND COMMISSION
PROCEEDINGS FOR TWO WEEKS BEGINNING TUESDAY, MARCH
17, 2020

DATE: MARCH 17, 2020

On Monday, March 16, 2020 the Workers' Compensation Commission suspended *all* normal in-person Arbitration and Commission Review Proceedings for a two-week period. This period will run from Tuesday March 17, 2020, through Tuesday March 31, 2020.

Requests for emergency hearings should be made to the Chairman's Office. The Chairman's Office may make space available as needed for emergency hearings or other extremely time-sensitive matters on a case-by-case basis, to be scheduled or conducted at the IWCC's Chicago, Collinsville, Rockford, Peoria, and Springfield hearing sites. After discussion with the parties, the Chairman may assign a case to one of these sites after a pretrial hearing by an assigned arbitrator.

All other Commission operations will continue as usual. Parties are advised that any statutory filing deadlines and statutes of limitation will not be affected by these measures, and the Commission will continue to process all usual documents and filings, made in person or by mail.

The Chairman's Office will reassess the need to extend or expand these measures on an ongoing basis.