



Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission

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Michael J. Brennan, Chairman

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Dear Colleague,

The issues related to COVID-19 and its' impact upon society is overwhelming. The impact of COVID-19 upon the Commission has proven most difficult.

Our employees are stressed, with concerns regarding the disease process and whether they too will be subjected to infection as a result of working at the IWCC offices. Sadly, this has not remained their only stressor. Now, I must report that certain members of the bar and law clerks have been abusive to Commission employees, while in the performance of their duties.

For this reason, we will no longer provide for same day drop off and pick up of documents for filing. Documents for filing will be dropped off and picked up the next day.

As Chairman, I will not tolerate any abusive conduct directed toward any Commission employee. If I am made aware of conduct by a clerk, it will be reported to the service or law firm. If such conduct involves an attorney, it too will be considered reportable.

You have been included in this e-mail as I believe it necessary to make certain that the bar is aware of the reasoning behind decisions that we make. We are making every effort to continue operations and do not wish to close down completely.

I look forward to discussing the issues related to COVID-19 with you in the future. I thank you for your understanding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Michael J. Brennan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "M".

Michael J. Brennan
Chairman