



Dear Chair Lieber and Co-Chair Knopp:

We write in support of the nomination of Joy Dougherty to the Workers' Compensation Board. Ms. Dougherty is eminently qualified to serve on the board. Her experience as an administrative law judge will be critical in her role adjudicating the most complex and controversial workers' comp cases.

Further, Ms. Dougherty has the administrative and leadership experience needed to oversee the agency. It should speak volumes that OTLA and SAIF, often adversaries in legal proceedings before ALJ Dougherty, can strongly agree that workers and employers will both be fairly heard with Ms. Dougherty.

Ms. Dougherty will ably fill the role of Chair because of her passion for the law and for fairness.

We respectfully urge the Rules Committee to support this nomination.

Sincerely,

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