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Workers' Compensation Commission

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South Carolina Senate Confirms the Reappointment of Commissioner John “Gabe” Coggiola



The South Carolina Workers' Compensation Commission announces that the South Carolina Senate has confirmed the reappointment of Commissioner John “Gabe” Coggiola to serve a six-year term on the Commission from June 30, 2026, through June 30, 2032. He was originally appointed to the Commission by Governor Henry McMaster in October 2024 and confirmed by the Senate in May 2025.

Commissioner Coggiola grew up in Columbia and attended The University of the South before earning his bachelor’s degree in history and political science from the University of South Carolina. He later earned his Juris Doctor from the University of South Carolina School of Law and was admitted to practice law in South Carolina in 2005.

After graduating from law school, Commissioner Coggiola served as a law clerk to the Honorable Matthew J. Perry Jr., Senior United States District Judge for the United States District Court for the District of South Carolina.

Following his clerkship, Commissioner Coggiola spent more than sixteen years in private practice representing employers and insurance carriers, and injured workers in workers' compensation matters. During that time, he argued hundreds of cases before the Commission and handled numerous appeals before the South Carolina Court of Appeals and the South Carolina Supreme Court.

Commissioner Coggiola is a certified mediator and previously worked with parties to resolve complex workers' compensation claims. Prior to joining the Commission, he also worked with the South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation in the Office of Disciplinary Counsel.

Commissioner Coggiola is a member of the South Carolina Workers' Compensation Educational Association (SCWCEA) and the National Association of Workers' Compensation Judiciary (NAWCJ), where he serves on the curriculum committee. He is also a member of the Stanford E. Lacy Workers' Compensation American Inn of Court.

Outside of his professional work, Commissioner Coggiola is active in his community and serves on the board of the Lexington/Richland Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council. He and his family attend Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, and he volunteers as a youth basketball coach.

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