Winner of the 2016 Comp Laude™ Award for Work Comp Philanthropy, Michael McKnight.

Michael played an instrumental role in establishing Kids' Chance of South Dakota. McKnight is now currently President of Kids' Chance South Dakota.

Comments from one of his nominations include: "Michael had the vision and heart to bring Kids' Chance of America, a non-profit organization, to South Dakota in 2015. He is working tirelessly to raise awareness of this organization that provides educational opportunities and scholarships to the children of workers seriously injured or killed on the job in South Dakota. Thus allowing them to pursue their education, reach their goals, fulfill their dreams for the future by giving them a fighting chance to be all they wish to be."

Michael McKnight is a 1986 graduate of the University of South Dakota School of Law. In the past 30 years of practice he has represented hundreds of employers and their insurers in workers' compensation matter across South Dakota. Mike has also defended workers' compensation bad faith claims, served as an expert witness for the defense in workers compensation bad faith claims and has active practice as a mediator.

Mike is a member of the National Workers' Compensation Defense Network. He has lectured extensively throughout South Dakota on the subject of workers' compensation law. McKnight is a fellow in the College of Workers' Compensation Lawyers. He has been named Sioux Falls Employment Lawyer of the Year for the past three years.

McKnight remarks, "Kids' Chance is such a wonderful cause and I am proud to have played a role in getting in organized in South Dakota. I am grateful for the Comp Laude Award and hope this increases awareness of Kids' Chance."