

Magna Comp Laude

David Langham

When Judge Langham was first appointed Deputy Chief Judge as head of the Florida Office of Judges of Compensation in 2006, he accepted the challenge and through hard work and long hours began to transform the agency into a paradigm for the effective and efficient adjudication of workers' compensation claims. He transitioned the agency into the digital age and promoted the implementation of an e-filing system for claims as well as being instrumental in creating the electronic transmission of records on appeal, thereby reducing paperwork and expense. Judge Langham is a prolific writer and commentator on local and national workers' compensation trends and issues as evidenced by his blog "Florida Workers' Comp Adjudication."

David is also one of the founder of Kids' Chance of Florida, Inc., which offers college scholarships to deserving children of injured workers. He exhibits and demonstrates all of the qualities of a problem-solver, mentor and teacher.

The judge is member of the board of the National Association of Workers' Compensation Judiciary (NAWCJ), was elected president of the Southern Association of Workers' Compensation Administrators (SAWCA) at the 67th Annual Convention held in 2015. He was admitted to The Florida Bar in 1991, after graduating with distinction from the Mississippi College School of Law. Prior to law school, he graduated from Ball State University in Muncie, Ind. He previously practiced as an associate and then partner in a small law firm, then as a sole practitioner, and later as a partner in Langham and Langham, P.A. with his wife.

In 2001, David was appointed Judge of Compensation Claims in Pensacola, and in 2005 was re-appointed until his appointment as Deputy Chief Judge of Compensation Claims in 2006. Judge Langham has lectured at numerous seminars and conferences regarding workers' compensation topics, and has served as an adjunct professor at the University of North Florida; and periodic instructor with the Florida State University Extension Education Program, the University of North Florida's Extension Program, and Pensacola Junior College. David has written numerous articles and statistical reports on workers' compensation issues and adjudicatory trends.

Upon receiving his 2017 Comp Laude award, remarked, "We have some obligation to fix those things we perceive to be wrong, or that we perceive can be better." He continues to be inspired by "the people that pour their heart and soul into this industry and into the needs of this industry."

