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Introduction

This report is prepared annually by the Oklahoma Workers' Compensation Court in accordance with the provisions and requirements of Title 85 O.S., Section 85. It provides injury statistics and benefit payment, workload and expenditure data.

The information in this report on injuries, illnesses and deaths is derived from documents filed in 2007 by the employer, worker or the dependents of a deceased worker. Injury characteristics are from the first report of injury filed by the employer or claimant, and are not necessarily based on a medical diagnosis. The employer's first report of injury is used when the matter before the Court is a compromise settlement (Form 1X) or provider's claim for compensation (2/19 claim), and there is no first report of injury filed by the worker or the dependents of a deceased worker.

Information about the development and use of the North American Classification System (NAICS) can be found at the web site of the US Census Bureau, <http://www.census.gov/epcd/www/naics.html>.

General Information

History

The Oklahoma Legislature enacted the state's first law governing workers' compensation more than nine decades ago in 1915. The law provides a substitute remedy to an employee for accidental injuries received during covered employment without the burden of proving negligence. The law is intended to provide injured workers with compensation for disability and health and rehabilitation benefits as a result of a work-related injury, regardless of who was at fault. In exchange for liability without fault, employers are provided with exclusive remedy protection. Exclusive remedy protects employers from liability to injured workers under laws other than the Workers' Compensation Act, Title 85, Oklahoma Statutes. The law applies to almost all types of employment and to both accidental injury and occupational illness.

Until 1959, the responsibility for administering the workers' compensation law resided with the State Industrial Commission. In 1959, the Oklahoma Legislature created and transferred jurisdiction over workers' compensation to the State Industrial Court. In 1978, the five-judge State Industrial Court was replaced by a seven-judge Workers' Compensation Court. The composition of the Court was expanded to eight judges in 1981, to nine in 1985 and to ten in 1993. Like its 1959 predecessor, the Court is a court of record responsible for determining claims for compensation, the liability of employers and insurers, and any rights asserted under the workers' compensation laws.

Mission

The mission of the Workers' Compensation Court is to provide fair and timely procedures for the informal and formal resolution of disputes and identification of issues involving work-related injuries. To this end the Court dedicates itself to carry out this responsibility and to serve the public promptly, courteously and impartially.

Organization

The Court is composed of ten judges who are appointed by the Governor from a list of nominees submitted by a constitutionally created Judicial Nominating Commission. The list includes the names of three persons, in addition to that of the incumbent judge, if any. Judges serve staggered six-year terms and may be reappointed for successive six-year terms. Every two years one of the judges is selected by the Governor as the presiding judge. The presiding judge is charged with overall responsibility for the functioning of the Court. All judges rotate between the Oklahoma City and Tulsa Court locations for dockets and may hear cases in other locations as provided by law. Awards of the Court are final and conclusive unless appealed to a panel of three Workers' Compensation Court judges unrelated to the case, or directly to the Supreme Court. An order of the three-judge panel may be appealed to the Supreme Court.

The chief administrative officer for the Court is an Administrator who, until 2005, was appointed by the presiding judge from a list submitted by a five-member selection committee.

Thereafter, a vacancy in the position is filled by appointment of the Governor for a six-year term. The Administrator supervises all offices and departments of the Court and staff, including administrative staff and support personnel. Specific functions of offices and departments of the Court are identified below.

The ***Counselor Department*** is the Court's primary public information unit. It supports a toll-free information line, prepares court publications, develops educational workshops, helps maintain the Court's web site, and processes applications to serve as a mediator for the Court's mediation system.

The ***Insurance Department*** maintains a workers' compensation proof of insurance database for the state, and with the Administrator's supervision, regulates employers which self-insure either as an individual self-insurer or as part of an approved group association. This department also regulates third party administrators. Self-insurance activities include reviewing applications for self-insurance and monitoring the financial status and claims records of self-insured employers.

The ***Medical Services Division*** administers the independent medical examiner and case manager programs, produces orders appointing providers as directed by the Court, revises and maintains the schedule of medical and hospital fees as directed by the Court Administrator, and responds to inquiries related to medical issues.

The ***Office of the Court Clerk*** receives court filings, certifies documents, prepares and transmits records on appeal, accepts appeal bonds, serves as the Court's records custodian, and manages the Court's records retention schedule.

The ***Form 3 Processing Department*** processes claims for compensation and orders entered into by mutual agreement of the parties. Work includes creating court files, data entry, and mailing information to the parties.

The ***Docket Office*** docket cases, schedules hearings and motions, notifies parties of hearing dates, and manages specialized dockets designed to resolve certain disputes without the need for trial.

The ***Order Processing Department*** prepares orders at the direction of the judges and processes them for mailing to the parties.

The ***Records Department*** maintains court files, processes the mail, and responds to requests for records and information.

The ***Data Processing/Management Information Services Department*** develops and maintains the Court's client/server system, develops computer programs and applications, coordinates information technology activities with vendors and other state agencies, and assists other court departments in meeting their goals through the use of technology.

In addition to departmental employees, the Court employs staff attorneys, court reporters, administrative personnel and support staff. Staff attorneys assist the judges, monitor legislation

for potential impact on the workers' compensation system, provide support services to various workers' compensation advisory bodies, and handle claims of employees of bankrupt self-insured employers. Court reporters record and transcribe proceedings as necessary. Administrative staff are responsible for the business, financial and personnel functions of the Court. Support staff include receptionists and judicial secretaries who provide clerical assistance to the judges and other court employees.

Activities in 2007

Court Rules

Clarifying revisions to the Court's rules of practice and procedure were adopted by the Workers' Compensation Court in conference on July 20, 2007, following two public hearings; one in Oklahoma City on June 15, 2007, and one in Tulsa on June 22, 2007. As specified by law, the rule changes were subsequently submitted to the Oklahoma Supreme Court for its consideration. Rule changes relate to computation of time limits, prohibited communications, termination of temporary compensation, scheduling conflicts, objections to medical evidence, requests for deposition testimony, appointment of independent medical examiners, mediation, settlements, and required disclosures of certified workplace medical plans.

Insurance

Insurers writing workers' compensation insurance in Oklahoma were given the option of electing to use the National Council on Compensation Insurance (NCCI) proof of coverage (POC) information system to satisfy certain insurance filing requirements. The option of submitting POC information to the Court using the NCCI system was implemented by the Court on February 1, 2007. It provides a convenient way for insurers to comply with the statutory filing requirements and is intended to enhance the accuracy of insurance coverage information maintained by the Court.

Medical

Treatment guidelines and a guideline for prescription of opioid medications were recommended by the Physician Advisory Committee and approved by the Court Administrator. The committee is an advisory body to the Court and is supported by court staff. Treatment guidelines for the Lower Extremity and Chronic Pain Disorders became effective September 1, 2007. Treatment guidelines for the Upper Extremity and the latest Guideline for Prescription of Opioid Medications for Acute and Chronic Pain became effective November 1, 2007. The guidelines are available in print from the Court and are posted online at <http://www.owcc.state.ok.us/guidelines.htm>. Treatment guidelines are intended to provide standards for quality care and to expedite optimum recovery and return to work, while containing medical costs.

A new workers' compensation medical and hospital fee schedule was adopted by the Court Administrator in December 2007 and became effective January 1, 2008. The schedule sets maximum dollar limits on the amounts that health care providers can be reimbursed for specified services. It is designed to establish a reasonable and equitable value for a service and limit reimbursement to that level to prevent inflated pricing for treatment of injured workers.

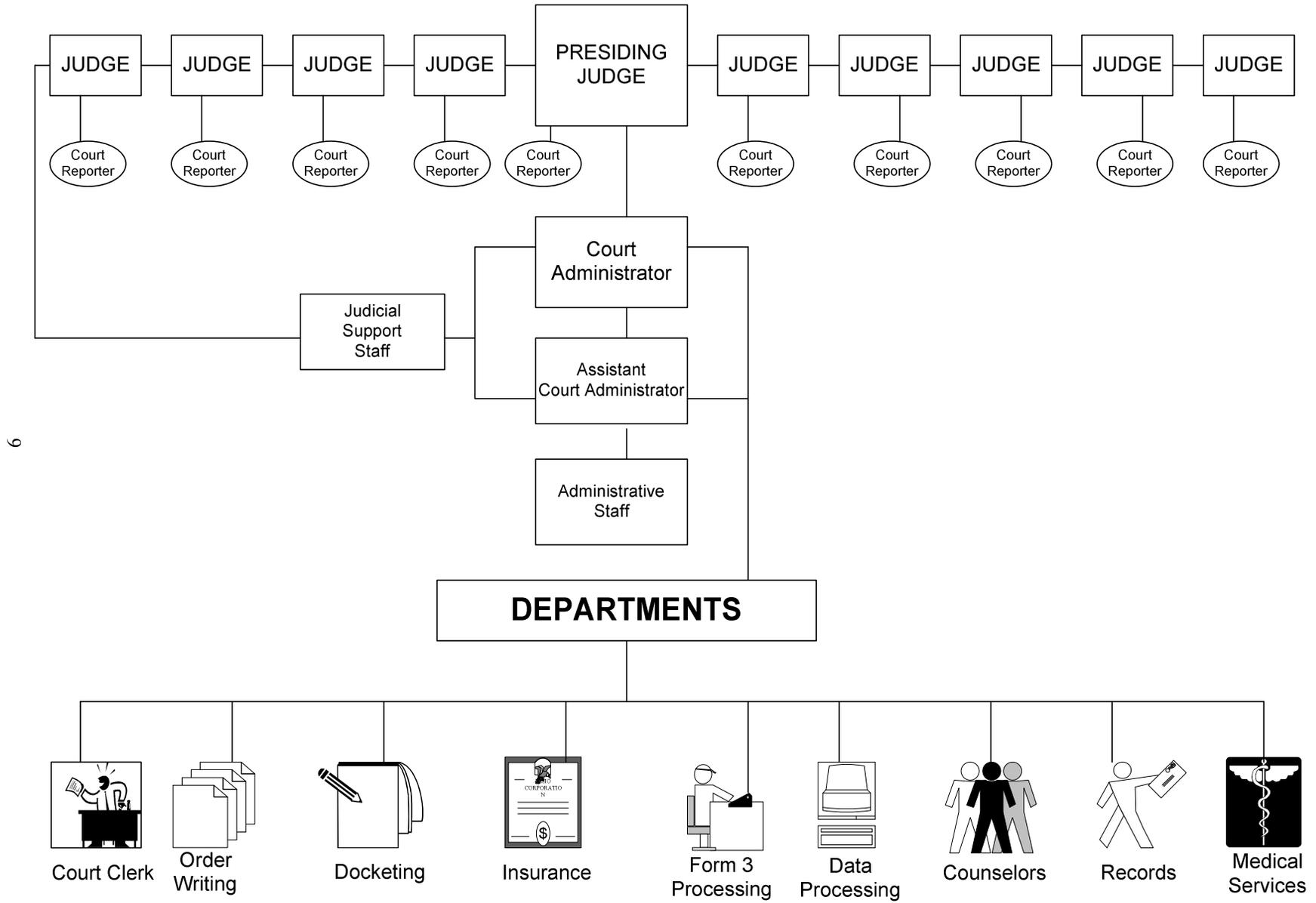
Multiple Injury Trust Fund Assessment

Workers' compensation payors were notified by the Court Administrator of the new Multiple Injury Trust Fund assessment rate effective July 1, 2007. The 2.14% rate was calculated using a statutory formula. The previous rate was 3.46%. Notice of the rate reduction was mailed to payors before the May 1 deadline and posted online on the "What's New" page of the Court's web site. Assessment collections are used for expenses of the MITF and for various state programs related to worker safety and workers' compensation fraud prosecution. The Fund is liable for certain combined disabilities claims. It was created by law to encourage employers to hire workers who suffered previous impairments.

In addition to the specific activities listed above for calendar year 2007, the Court continues to perform other duties on a regular basis as noted above in the "Organization" section. The activities of the Court in CY 2007 are described in greater detail in the following pages of this Annual Report, together with basic statistics regarding filings made in CY 2007.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION COURT (2007)

Organizational Chart



Profiles of the Judges and Court Administrator

Judges serving on the Court in 2007 were: The Honorable Mary A. Black, The Honorable Tom Leonard, The Honorable Richard L. Blanchard, The Honorable Ellen Caslavka Edwards, The Honorable Kenton W. Fulton, The Honorable Gene Prigmore, The Honorable Cherri Farrar, The Michael J. Harkey, The Honorable John Michael McCormick and The Honorable Kent Eldridge.

Each Judge hears matters involving workers' compensation disputes, records case dispositions and issues final orders based upon the evidence presented. Judges also approve settlements negotiated between the parties; conduct prehearing conferences and judicial settlement conferences; appoint Independent Medical Examiners (IMEs), medical case managers and vocational rehabilitation evaluators; oversee the IME, case manager, and court mediation systems; review medical progress reports; participate weekly on three-judge appeal panels; and participate in educational seminars, including periodic conferences sponsored by the Court.

During 2007, 24,213 cases were scheduled for trial, and 35,943 prehearing conferences were docketed. In addition, 5,490 cases involving medical treatment and/or temporary disability were set on temporary issue dockets to promote informal resolution before trial or determine the status of the case for scheduling purposes. During this period, 1,476 cases were set before the court en banc. Judges issued 24,082 orders and approved 9,221 settlements.

Judges

The Honorable Mary A. Black

Judge Black received a Bachelor of Science from the University of Oklahoma in 1977. She received her Juris Doctorate from Oklahoma City University in 1981. Judge Black has attended the National Judicial College, and attended Harvard University.

She is a member of the Oklahoma Bar Association, Oklahoma Indian Bar Association, Pottawatomie County Bar Association and Lawyer-Pilot Bar Association. She served two terms on the Board of Trustees for the Oklahoma Bar Association, and as a board member for Legal Aid of Western Oklahoma. Additionally, she has served as chair of the OBA Indian Law Section. In conjunction with Virginia Henson, Judge Black wrote the *Deprived Juvenile Law Benchbook*.

Immediately prior to her 2004 appointment to the Workers' Compensation Court, Judge Black was the Special District Judge for the 23rd Judicial District sitting in Pottawatomie County. Prior to her position as a Special District Judge she served a two year term on the Workers' Compensation Court from 1994-1996, and was in private practice in Shawnee, Oklahoma during the intervening years between judicial appointments. She has served as a tribal judge for many tribes, including the Absentee Shawnee Tribe and Sac & Fox Nation.

In July 2004, Judge Black was appointed by Governor Brad Henry to serve a six-year term. In February 2007, Governor Brad Henry appointed Judge Black for a two-year term as Presiding Judge of the Workers' Compensation Court, effective February 5, 2007.

The Honorable Tom Leonard

Judge Leonard received a Bachelor degree in mathematics and computer science from Oklahoma State University in 1970. He received his Juris Doctorate from the University of Oklahoma in 1972.

He is a member of the Oklahoma Bar Association. He served six years as mayor of Ponca City, Oklahoma. Prior to his appointment to the Workers' Compensation Court, Judge Leonard was in private practice.

The Honorable Richard L. Blanchard

Judge Blanchard received his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Tulsa in 1972. In 1976, he received his Juris Doctorate from the University of Tulsa College of Law, and joined Farmer, Woolsey, Tips & Gibson law firm. In 1980, he became the City Attorney for Bixby, Oklahoma. After moving to Illinois, Judge Blanchard was elected to the Board of Trustees for the City of Frankfort, Illinois. Returning to Oklahoma in 1991, he was a solo practitioner until 1994, when he joined the law firm of Richards, Paul & Richards.

In July 1996, Judge Blanchard was first appointed to the Court by Governor Frank Keating. In July 2002, Judge Blanchard was appointed by Governor Frank Keating to a second six-year term and served as Presiding Judge of the Court from 2003 through 2004.

The Honorable Ellen Caslavka Edwards

Judge Edwards received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Colorado College in 1981. She received her Juris Doctorate from the University of Oklahoma College of Law in 1985. Prior to her appointment to the Court, Judge Edwards was a trial lawyer with the U.S. Department of Justice, served as an Assistant General Counsel at the Oklahoma Insurance Department, and was associated with the firm of Feldman, Franden, Woodard, Farris & Taylor.

In July 1996, Judge Edwards was first appointed to the Court by Governor Frank Keating. In July 2002, Judge Edwards was appointed by Governor Frank Keating to a second six-year term.

The Honorable Kenton W. Fulton

Judge Fulton received his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Maryland in 1982, and is a 1985 graduate of the University of South Carolina School of Law.

He was in private practice for five years with the Tulsa law firm of Boesche, McDermott & Eskridge. He has also served as a Trial Attorney with the General Litigation Section of the Environment and Natural Resources Division of the United States Department of Justice in Washington, D.C. Immediately prior to his appointment to the Court in July 1996, Judge Fulton was in-house counsel for Transok, Inc., a natural gas pipeline company.

In July 1996, Judge Fulton was first appointed to the Court by Governor Frank Keating. In July 2002, Governor Keating reappointed him to a second six-year term. Judge Fulton served as Presiding Judge of the Court from January 1999 through December 2002.

The Honorable Gene Prigmore

Judge Prigmore was born in Freedom, Oklahoma, attended public school in Alva, and in 1966, graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree from Northwestern State College in Alva. Judge Prigmore then served two years in the U.S. Army, 24th Infantry Division, 1966-68. After completing his military service he spent the next ten years teaching, counseling and coaching in various Kansas and Oklahoma public school systems including Head Football and Track Coach at Capitol Hill High School. He earned a Masters Degree in Counseling from Central State University in 1973. In 1978 he began his legal education and received his Juris Doctorate from the University of Oklahoma College of Law in 1980.

Judge Prigmore served on the Oklahoma City Board of Education from 1986 to 1989. He served as an Adjunct Professor in the Paralegal Program at Rose State College in 1989 - 1990. Judge Prigmore has been a member of the Oklahoma Bar Association since 1980 and the Oklahoma County Bar Association since 2001.

Judge Prigmore was in private practice with an emphasis in sports and workers' compensation law until 1992, when he became General Counsel for the Oklahoma Special Indemnity Fund (now known as the Multiple Injury Trust Fund).

In November 1998, Judge Prigmore was appointed to the Oklahoma Workers' Compensation Court by Governor Frank Keating to complete an unexpired term. In July 2000, he was reappointed by Governor Frank Keating for a six-year term. In December 2004, Governor Brad Henry appointed Judge Prigmore for a two-year term as Presiding Judge of the Workers' Compensation Court, effective January 1, 2005. In July 2006, Judge Prigmore was appointed by Governor Brad Henry for an additional six-year term.

The Honorable Cherri Farrar

Cherri Farrar was appointed as a judge of the Workers' Compensation Court for a six-year term in July 2000. In July 2006, Judge Farrar was reappointed for another six-year term, by the Honorable Governor Brad Henry. Prior to her appointment to the Court, Judge Farrar was in private practice.

Judge Farrar received her Juris Doctorate from the University of Oklahoma, College of Law in 1986. She is the recipient of certifications from the National Institute of Trial Advocacy and the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers for studies in advanced trial techniques. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from Central State University in 1982.

Judge Farrar is a Master of the Bench of the William J. Holloway, Jr., American Inn of Court, and is a member of the Oklahoma Bar Association and Oklahoma County Bar Association.

The Honorable Michael J. Harkey

Judge Harkey graduated from The University of Oklahoma in 1973 and received his Juris Doctorate from the Oklahoma City University School of Law in 1976.

He is a member of the Oklahoma State and County Bar Associations. Prior to his appointment by Governor Brad Henry to the Workers' Compensation Court, Judge Harkey was in the private practice of law.

The Honorable John Michael McCormick

John McCormick was born in Oklahoma City in 1947. He attended old Central High School in downtown Oklahoma City and graduated in 1966. Judge McCormick served 3 years active military duty in the U. S. Army from February 1967 to February 1970; he served one tour of duty in Vietnam from August 1967 to September 1968, and was later a member of the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General Corps. Judge McCormick received his Bachelor of Arts from the University of Oklahoma in 1974, and his Juris Doctorate from Oklahoma City University Law School in 1978.

Judge McCormick served the State of Oklahoma as an Assistant Attorney General under General W.A. Drew Edmondson from 1997 until his appointment to the bench in 2006. His prior law practice includes service as Deputy General Counsel of the Oklahoma City Public Schools, and Deputy General Counsel for the Department of Human Services.

Judge McCormick also has public service as an elected official. In 1985 he was elected to a four-year term to the Metro Tech School Board, Vocational District 22, Seat 2. Before joining the Workers' Compensation Court, Judge McCormick served as adjunct professor for 18 years at Rose State College and Oklahoma City Community College.

The Honorable Judge Kent Eldridge

Judge Eldridge earned his B.A. in Political Science from the University of Oklahoma. Following graduation from the University of Oklahoma School of Law (1976) he served as a Public Defender. He then became a solo practitioner in 1981 and maintained a trial practice of

criminal and civil litigation in state and Federal courts and administrative tribunals, including many jury and non-jury trials.

Professional affiliations include the Oklahoma Bar Association, Oklahoma County Bar Association, and Ruth Bader Ginsburg Inn of Court (Master). Judge Eldridge has spoken at many law seminars, and served as an expert witness on numerous occasions.

Judge Eldridge is an active member of St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral and is serving on the Vestry. He also serves on the Board of the Oakerhater Espiscopal Center home to the Whirlwind Mission in Watonga, Oklahoma. Judge Eldridge served as an Assistant Scoutmaster, Westminster Presbyterian Church Troop 4, Oklahoma City, 1996-2005. His marriage to Lea Crawford Eldridge and his children Julie, Jim and Jackson are his greatest accomplishments.

Court Administrator

Court Administrator Marcia Davis

Marcia Davis has been the Administrator of the Workers' Compensation since April 1991. Prior to her appointment, Ms. Davis was an attorney in private practice. Before becoming a lawyer, she worked as a Speech and Language Pathologist.

Ms. Davis received a Bachelor of Science degree in Speech and Hearing (1969), a Master of Arts in Speech Pathology (1970), and a Juris Doctorate (1980), all from the University of Oklahoma.

Section I - Overview

Table 1
Rate of Claims Filed Per 100 Employed: 1989 - 2007

Year	Employer's First Notice of Injury (Form 2) Filings ¹	Claimant Filings ²	State Employment Levels ³	Rate of Claims Filed Per 100 Workers ⁴
1989	97,912	20,311	1,163,800	1.75
1990	122,988	23,530	1,195,922	1.97
1991	94,195	24,654	1,211,000	2.04
1992	84,259	24,748	1,221,700	2.03
1993	84,757	25,863	1,199,600	2.15
1994	92,594	27,959	1,234,400	2.26
1995	100,363	25,817	1,272,500	2.03
1996	92,937	24,167	1,309,700	1.84
1997	88,892	21,959	1,347,800	1.63
1998	84,756	20,832	1,396,300	1.49
1999	83,289	19,999	1,416,500	1.41
2000	82,920	19,086	1,437,000	1.33
2001	75,462	19,553	1,463,200	1.34
2002	67,190	18,474	1,434,905	1.28
2003	61,452	17,390	1,405,900	1.24
2004	58,065	16,933	1,424,300	1.19
2005	55,844	15,670	1,464,500	1.07
2006	54,237	14,853	1,507,100	0.99
2007	51,197	14,888	1,521,100	0.97

¹ Reflects the number of Form 2 (Employer's First Notice of Injury) filings made by an employer when there is a work-related injury which results in the loss of time beyond the shift or which requires medical attention away from the work site, fatal or otherwise, received by the employer's employees. Form 2s filed with the Court are confidential and not subject to public disclosure except as authorized by law.

² Beginning in 2005, reflects claims for compensation filed by a worker (Form 3, 3A, 3B). Death filings are included in the count. Prior to 2005, claimant filings also included claims for compensation filed by a medical or rehabilitation provider (2/19 claims) when there is a notice of injury filed by the employer (Form 2) but no claim for compensation filed by the worker (Form 3, 3A, 3B). Separate counting of 2/19 claims began in 1990. 2/19 claims data for 1990 through 2007 follows: 1990=1; 1991=2; 1992=1; 1993=12; 1994=22; 1995=45; 1996=96; 1997=51; 1998=27; 1999=38; 2000=33; 2001=88; 2002=151; 2003=172; 2004=196; 2005=61; 2006=58 and 2007=79.

³ State Employment Data is provided by the Oklahoma Employment Security Commission, Labor Market Information Unit, reporting Statewide Non-farm Payroll. Federal Government employees have been excluded since 1993.

⁴ Represents the number of injuries and illnesses per 100 workers, calculated as $(C/EL \times 100)$ where C = number of injuries and illnesses reflected by claimant filings and EL = state employment level.

Table 2
Filings Compared to Employment, by County of Injury
2007

County	Average Annual Employment ¹	Percent of Employment	All Filings		Percent of Employment Making Filing ³	Number of Death Filings ⁴
			Count ²	Percent		
Adair	10,300	0.64%	34	0.2%	0.33%	0
Alfalfa	2,210	0.14%	14	0.1%	0.63%	0
Atoka	5,490	0.34%	52	0.3%	0.95%	1
Beaver	2,980	0.18%	15	0.1%	0.50%	0
Beckham	10,730	0.66%	104	0.7%	0.97%	0
Blaine	4,630	0.29%	37	0.2%	0.80%	0
Bryan	19,270	1.19%	94	0.6%	0.49%	0
Caddo	11,250	0.69%	57	0.4%	0.51%	2
Canadian	49,420	3.05%	198	1.3%	0.40%	1
Carter	23,290	1.44%	298	2.0%	1.28%	1
Cherokee	21,410	1.32%	80	0.5%	0.37%	0
Choctaw	6,560	0.40%	39	0.3%	0.59%	0
Cimarron	1,190	0.07%	7	0.0%	0.59%	0
Cleveland	112,930	6.97%	507	3.4%	0.45%	4
Coal	2,310	0.14%	23	0.2%	1.00%	1
Comanche	43,090	2.66%	463	3.1%	1.07%	6
Cotton	3,440	0.21%	11	0.1%	0.32%	0
Craig	7,020	0.43%	67	0.4%	0.95%	0
Creek	30,180	0.00%	180	1.2%	0.60%	1
Custer	13,210	0.82%	90	0.6%	0.68%	0
Delaware	17,110	1.06%	74	0.5%	0.43%	0
Dewey	2,330	0.14%	15	0.1%	0.64%	0
Ellis	2,150	0.13%	12	0.1%	0.56%	0
Garfield	28,450	1.72%	274	1.8%	0.96%	2
Garvin	13,450	0.81%	170	1.1%	1.26%	0
Grady	22,350	1.35%	123	0.8%	0.55%	1
Grant	2,340	0.14%	16	0.1%	0.68%	0

Table 2 (continued)

County	Average Annual Employment ¹	Percent of Employment	All Filings		Percent of Employment Making Filing ³	Number of Death Filings ⁴
			Count ²	Percent		
Greer	1,870	0.11%	9	0.1%	0.48%	0
Harmon	1,260	0.08%	13	0.1%	1.03%	0
Harper	1,770	0.11%	8	0.1%	0.45%	0
Haskell	5,370	0.33%	27	0.2%	0.50%	1
Hughes	4,530	0.27%	32	0.2%	0.71%	0
Jackson	11,840	0.72%	83	0.6%	0.70%	1
Jefferson	2,230	0.14%	12	0.1%	0.54%	0
Johnston	4,910	0.30%	15	0.1%	0.31%	0
Kay	21,150	1.28%	270	1.8%	1.28%	1
Kingfisher	7,960	0.48%	68	0.5%	0.85%	0
Kiowa	3,640	0.22%	19	0.1%	0.52%	0
Latimer	3,870	0.23%	53	0.4%	1.37%	3
LeFlore	20,460	1.24%	96	0.6%	0.47%	0
Lincoln	13,870	0.84%	83	0.6%	0.60%	4
Logan	17,060	1.03%	58	0.4%	0.34%	2
Love	4,680	0.28%	21	0.1%	0.45%	1
McClain	3,700	0.22%	56	0.4%	1.51%	0
McCurtain	6,050	0.37%	108	0.7%	1.79%	1
McIntosh	17,240	1.04%	41	0.3%	0.24%	2
Major	14,220	0.86%	30	0.2%	0.21%	3
Marshall	13,110	0.79%	48	0.3%	0.37%	1
Mayes	7,860	0.48%	157	1.0%	2.00%	1
Murray	7,460	0.45%	63	0.4%	0.84%	0
Muskogee	27,400	1.66%	217	1.4%	0.79%	4
Noble	5,570	0.34%	41	0.3%	0.74%	0
Nowata	4,710	0.29%	16	0.1%	0.34%	0
Okfuskee	4,330	0.26%	13	0.1%	0.30%	1
Oklahoma	313,340	18.99%	3,708	24.8%	1.18%	19
Okmulgee	15,590	0.94%	118	0.8%	0.76%	0
Osage	19,660	1.19%	69	0.5%	0.35%	0
Ottawa	15,650	0.95%	104	0.7%	0.66%	2

Table 2 (continued)

County	Average Annual Employment ¹	Percent of Employment	All Filings		Percent of Employment Making Filing ³	Number of Death Filings ⁴
			Count ²	Percent		
Pawnee	7,340	0.44%	33	0.2%	0.45%	1
Payne	36,330	2.20%	236	1.6%	0.65%	3
Pittsburg	20,800	1.26%	172	1.1%	0.83%	2
Pontotoc	19,090	1.16%	127	0.8%	0.67%	1
Pottawatomie	31,530	1.91%	259	1.7%	0.82%	2
Pushmataha	4,780	0.29%	24	0.2%	0.50%	1
Roger Mills	1,810	0.11%	24	0.2%	1.33%	2
Rogers	38,710	2.35%	215	1.4%	0.56%	1
Seminole	9,670	0.59%	110	0.7%	1.14%	3
Sequoyah	17,270	1.05%	72	0.5%	0.42%	0
Stephens	20,100	1.22%	199	1.3%	0.99%	1
Texas	8,860	0.54%	85	0.6%	0.96%	1
Tillman	3,290	0.20%	24	0.2%	0.73%	0
Tulsa	281,780	17.07%	3,006	20.1%	1.07%	10
Wagoner	31,440	1.90%	77	0.5%	0.24%	0
Washington	25,220	1.53%	168	1.1%	0.67%	0
Washita	5,600	0.34%	33	0.2%	0.59%	0
Woods	4,270	0.26%	27	0.2%	0.63%	0
Woodward	11,060	0.67%	116	0.8%	1.05%	0
Out of State ⁵			438	2.9%		11
Other ⁶			815	5.4%		4
TOTALS	1,650,400		14,970	100.0%		110

¹ Source: Oklahoma Employment Security Commission Economic Research and Analysis Division, Labor Force Data. Includes agricultural and federal employment.

² Death filings are included in the count of all filings.

³ Represents the percentage of filings made per county of injury, calculated as C/EL where C = count of all filings for the county and EL = county employment level.

⁴ Subset of all filings.

⁵ "Out of state" includes injuries, illnesses and deaths occurring out of state or overseas.

⁶ "Other" includes place unknown and missing data.

Table 3
Filings by Month of Accident
2007

Month	All Filings¹	% of Filings	Death Filings
January	1,416	9.5%	10
February	1,090	7.3%	9
March	1,234	8.2%	15
April	1,178	7.9%	8
May	1,297	8.7%	10
June	1,230	8.2%	10
July	1,241	8.3%	10
August	1,457	9.7%	6
September	1,202	8.0%	9
October	1,416	9.5%	8
November	1,072	7.1%	7
December	1,137	7.6%	8
TOTALS	14,970	100.0%	110

¹ Death filings are included in the count of all filings.

Table 4
Filings by Day of Week of Accident
2007

Day of Week	All Filings¹	% of Filings	Death Filings
Monday	1,885	12.6%	13
Tuesday	2,402	16.0%	18
Wednesday	2,707	18.1%	14
Thursday	2,650	17.7%	26
Friday	2,363	15.8%	16
Saturday	1,782	11.9%	14
Sunday	1,181	7.9%	9
TOTALS	14,970	100.0%	110

¹ Death filings are included in the count of all filings.

Table 5
Filings by Average Weekly Wage of Injured Worker
2007

Amount of Weekly Wages	All Filings ¹	Percent	Death Filings
Under \$150. ⁰⁰	139	0.9%	0
\$150. ⁰⁰ - \$199. ⁰⁰	162	1.1%	0
\$200. ⁰⁰ - \$249. ⁰⁰	357	2.4%	2
\$250. ⁰⁰ - \$299. ⁰⁰	584	3.9%	2
\$300. ⁰⁰ - \$349. ⁰⁰	1,035	6.9%	3
\$350. ⁰⁰ - \$399. ⁰⁰	957	6.4%	2
\$400. ⁰⁰ - \$449. ⁰⁰	1,110	7.4%	4
\$450. ⁰⁰ - \$499. ⁰⁰	897	6.0%	6
\$500. ⁰⁰ - \$549. ⁰⁰	930	6.2%	4
\$550. ⁰⁰ - \$599. ⁰⁰	648	4.3%	2
\$600. ⁰⁰ - \$649. ⁰⁰	747	5.0%	12
\$650. ⁰⁰ - \$699. ⁰⁰	473	3.2%	3
\$700. ⁰⁰ - \$749. ⁰⁰	481	3.2%	5
\$750. ⁰⁰ - \$799. ⁰⁰	389	2.6%	5
\$800. ⁰⁰ - \$849. ⁰⁰	426	2.8%	5
\$850. ⁰⁰ - \$899. ⁰⁰	264	1.8%	2
\$900. ⁰⁰ - \$949. ⁰⁰	269	1.8%	1
\$950. ⁰⁰ - \$999. ⁰⁰	186	1.2%	1
\$1,000. ⁰⁰ - \$1,999. ⁰⁰	1,203	8.0%	10
\$2,000. ⁰⁰ - \$2,999. ⁰⁰	47	0.4%	4
\$3,000. ⁰⁰ - \$3,999. ⁰⁰	10	0.1%	0
\$4,000. ⁰⁰ - \$4,999. ⁰⁰	2	0.0%	0
\$5,000 or more	5	0.0%	1
Unknown	3,649	24.4%	36
TOTALS	14,970	100.0%	110

¹ Death filings are included in the count of all filings.

Section II - Filings by Part of Body Injured

Table 6
Distribution of Filings by Part of Body Injured
2007

Body Part	Count¹	Percent	Death Filings
Abdomen	123	0.8%	2
Ankle	295	2.1%	1
Arm(s)	662	4.4%	0
Back	3,101	20.7%	1
Body Systems	25	0.2%	8
Brain	12	0.1%	0
Chest	85	0.6%	3
Circulatory System	52	0.3%	14
Digestive System	0	0.0%	0
Ear, inner	210	1.4%	0
Ear, outer	8	0.1%	0
Ear, unspecified	1	0.0%	0
Elbow	200	1.3%	0
Excretory System	13	0.1%	2
Eye(s)	146	1.0%	0
Face	81	0.6%	0
Feet	642	4.2%	1
Finger(s)	724	4.8%	0
Forearm	30	0.2%	0
Hand	1,674	11.2%	0
Head	514	3.4%	29
Hips	260	1.7%	2
Jaw	15	0.1%	0
Knee	1,577	10.5%	1
Leg(s)	643	4.3%	0
Lower Body	7	0.0%	1
Mouth	25	0.2%	0
Multiple Parts	80	0.5%	28
Muscular/Skeletal System	4	0.0%	0
Neck	1,012	6.8%	4
Nervous System	31	0.2%	3
Nose	14	0.1%	0
Respiratory System	197	1.3%	4
Scalp	1	0.0%	0
Shoulder(s)	1,982	13.2%	2
Side	19	0.1%	0
Skull	0	0.0%	0
Thigh	10	0.1%	0
Toe(s)	28	0.2%	0
Trunk	9	0.1%	0
Upper Extremities	17	0.1%	0
Wrist	431	2.9%	0
Nonclassifiable	3	0.0%	1
Unspecified	7	0.0%	3
TOTALS	14,970	100.0%	110

¹ Death filings are included in the count of all filings.

Section III - Filings by Cause of Injury

Table 7
Rank-Order Distribution of Filings by Injury Cause and Gender
2007

Injury Cause	All Filings ¹		Gender ²		Female	
	Count	Percent ³	Count	Percent ⁴	Count	Percent ⁵
Fall, Slip Or Trip Injury	3,864	25.8%	2,277	23.2%	1,587	30.6%
Repetitive Motion	1,951	13.0%	953	9.7%	998	19.2%
Struck Or Injured By	1,510	10.1%	1,055	10.8%	455	8.8%
Cut, Puncture, Scrape	1,384	9.2%	877	9.1%	506	9.8%
Strain Or Injury By	1,373	9.2%	949	9.7%	424	8.2%
Caught In, Under or Between	1,002	6.7%	819	8.4%	183	3.5%
Motor Vehicle	657	4.4%	494	5.1%	163	3.1%
Burn or Scald - Heat Or Cold Exposures	315	2.1%	233	2.4%	82	1.6%
Striking Against Or Stepping On	256	1.7%	189	1.9%	67	1.3%
Miscellaneous Not Otherwise Classified	2,658	17.8%	1,936	19.8%	720	13.9%
TOTALS	14,970	100.0%	9,782	100.0%	5,185	100.0%

¹ Death filings are included in the count of all filings.

² Three (3) filings did not indicate the gender of the injured worker.

³ Represents the percentage of total filings by injury cause.

⁴ Represents the percentage of male gender filings by injury cause.

⁵ Represents the percentage of female gender filings by injury cause.

Table 8
Filings by Injury Cause and Gender (Detail)
2007

Injury Cause	All Filings ¹		Gender ²		Gender ²	
	Count	Percent ³	Count	Percent ⁴	Count	Percent ⁵
BURN OR SCALD—HEAT OR COLD EXPOSURES	315	2.1%	233	2.4%	82	1.6%
Chemicals	90	0.6%	61	0.6%	29	0.6%
Contact, Hot Object or Substances	97	0.6%	70	0.7%	27	0.5%
Cold Objects or Substances	2	0.0%	2	0.0%	0	0.0%
Temperature Extremes	17	0.1%	16	0.2%	1	0.0%
Fire or Flame	11	0.1%	9	0.1%	2	0.0%
Steam or Hot Fluids	1	0.0%	1	0.0%	0	0.0%
Dust, Gases, Fumes	48	0.3%	36	0.4%	12	0.2%
Welding Operations	5	0.0%	5	0.1%	0	0.0%
Radiation	3	0.0%	3	0.0%	0	0.0%
Abnormal Air Pressure	1	0.0%	1	0.0%	0	0.0%
Electrical Current	34	0.2%	25	0.3%	9	0.2%
Contact With NOC	6	0.0%	4	0.0%	2	0.0%
CAUGHT IN, UNDER OR BETWEEN Machinery	1,002	6.7%	819	8.4%	183	3.5%
Object Handled	97	0.6%	78	0.8%	19	0.4%
Collapsing Materials	224	1.5%	172	1.8%	52	1.0%
Caught In/Between NOC	1	0.0%	1	0.0%	0	0.0%
	680	4.5%	568	5.8%	112	2.1%
CUT, PUNCTURE, SCRAPE	1,384	9.2%	877	9.0%	506	9.8%
Cut/Scrape by Broken Glass	2	0.0%	1	0.0%	1	0.0%
Hand Tool, Not Powered	65	0.4%	60	0.6%	5	0.1%
Object Being Lifted or Handled	1,256	8.4%	763	7.9%	492	9.5%
Powered Hand Tool	31	0.2%	29	0.3%	2	0.0%
Cut/Puncture/Scrape NOC	30	0.2%	24	0.2%	6	0.1%
FALL, SLIP OR TRIP INJURY	3,864	25.8%	2,277	23.2%	1,587	30.6%
Fall/Slip—Different Level	727	4.9%	600	6.1%	127	2.4%
Fall/Slip—From Ladder, Scaffold	350	2.3%	294	3.0%	56	1.1%
Fall/Slip—From Liquid or Grease spills						
	326	2.2%	86	0.9%	240	4.6%
Fall/Slip—Into Opening	118	0.8%	88	0.9%	30	0.6%
Fall/Slip—On Same Level	4	2.7%	2	0.0%	2	0.0%
Slipped, Did Not Fall	94	0.6%	58	0.6%	36	0.7%
Fall/Slip—On Ice or Snow	404	2.7%	229	2.3%	175	3.4%
Fall/Slip—On Stairs	226	1.5%	117	1.2%	109	2.1%
Fall/Slip/Trip NOC	1,615	10.8%	803	8.2%	812	15.7%

Table 8 (continued)
Filings by Injury Cause and Gender (Detail)
2007

Injury Cause	All Filings ¹		Gender ²			
	Count	Percent ³	Count	Percent ⁴	Count	Percent ⁵
MOTOR VEHICLE	657	4.4%	494	5.1%	168	3.1%
Crash of Water Vehicle	1	0.0%	1	0.0%	0	0.0%
Crash of Rail Vehicle	1	0.0%	1	0.0%	0	0.0%
Motor Vehicle/Collision	589	3.9%	431	4.4%	158	3.0%
Fixed Object/Collision	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Airplane Crash	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Vehicle Upset	65	0.4%	61	0.7%	4	0.1%
Motor Vehicle NOC	1	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.0%
STRAIN OR INJURY BY	1,373	9.2%	949	9.7%	424	8.2%
Continual Noise	201	1.3%	183	1.9%	18	0.3%
Twisting	95	0.6%	60	0.6%	35	0.7%
Jumping	31	0.2%	30	0.3%	1	0.0%
Holding or Carrying	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Lifting	479	3.2%	294	3.0%	185	3.6%
Pushing or Pulling	517	3.5%	355	3.6%	162	3.1%
Reaching	39	0.3%	18	0.2%	21	0.4%
Using Tool or Machine	8	0.1%	6	0.1%	2	0.0%
Welding/Throwing	1	0.0%	1	0.0%	0	0.0%
Repetitive Motion	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Strain/Injury NOC	2	0.0%	2	0.0%	0	0.0%
STRIKING AGAINST OR STEPPING ON	256	1.7%	189	1.9%	67	1.3%
Striking/Stepping on Moving Parts	5	0.0%	3	0.0%	2	0.0%
Lifted/Handled Object	25	0.2%	17	0.2%	8	0.2%
Sand, Scrape, Clean OPR	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Stationary Object	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Step on Sharp Object	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Strike Against/Step on NOC	226	1.5%	169	1.7%	57	1.1%
STRUCK OR INJURED BY	1,510	10.1%	1,055	10.8%	455	8.8%
Person (Not in Act of Crime)	176	1.2%	37	0.4%	139	2.7%
Struck/Injured by Falling Object	496	3.3%	377	3.9%	119	2.3%
Hand Tool/Machine In Use	86	0.6%	85	0.9%	1	0.0%
Motor Vehicle	84	0.6%	70	0.7%	18	0.3%
Machine Moving Parts	49	0.3%	42	0.4%	7	0.1%
Lifted or Handled Obj	242	1.6%	153	1.6%	89	1.7%
Object Handled by Others	15	0.1%	8	0.0%	7	0.1%
Animal or Insect	99	0.7%	64	0.7%	35	0.7%
Explosion/Flare Back	34	0.2%	33	0.2%	1	0.0%
Struck/Injured by NOC	229	1.5%	190	2.0%	39	0.8%

Table 8 (continued)
Filings by Injury Cause and Gender (Detail)
2007

Injury Cause	All Filings ¹		Gender ²			
	Count	Percent ³	Count	Percent ⁴	Count	Percent ⁵
REPETITIVE MOTION	1,951	13.0%	953	9.7%	998	19.2%
MISCELLANEOUS CAUSES	2,658	17.8%	1,936	19.8%	720	13.9%
Absorption/Ingestion/Inhalation NOC	45	0.3%	30	0.3%	17	0.3%
Foreign Body in Eye	0	0.0%	60	0.6%	0	0.0%
Person (Criminal Act)	100	0.7%	64	0.7%	36	0.7%
Other than Physical	2	0.0%	1	0.0%	1	0.0%
Cumulative (All Others)	1	0.0%	1	0.0%	0	0.0%
Other Misc. Causes	2,442	16.3%	1,780	18.2%	660	12.7%
TOTALS	14,970	100.0%	9,782	100.0%	5,185	100.0%

¹ Death filings are included in the count of all filings.

² Three (3) filings did not indicate the gender of the injured worker.

³ Represents the percentage of total filings by major and minor injury cause.

⁴ Represents the percentage of male gender filings by major and minor injury cause.

⁵ Represents the percentage of female gender filings by major and minor injury cause.

**Section IV - North American Industry
Classification System (NAICS)**

Table 9
NAICS Sectors Compared to Non-Farm Employment: 2003 - 2007

Average Annual Employment: 2003-2007¹

NAICS Sectors²	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Mining	28,900	30,900	36,000	42,100	46,500
Utilities	10,700	10,600	9,500	9,900	10,400
Construction	62,900	62,200	65,500	70,400	71,300
Manufacturing	143,000	141,800	144,700	149,100	150,200
Wholesale Trade	54,600	54,200	56,500	58,700	59,700
Retail Trade	169,300	168,500	169,700	170,800	171,100
Transportation & Warehousing	42,500	42,400	43,200	44,900	47,700
Information	32,000	31,100	30,100	29,800	28,800
Finance & Insurance	60,800	61,200	60,100	59,700	59,700
Real Estate, Rental & Leasing	22,500	23,200	23,900	24,400	24,100
Professional, Scientific & Technical Services	56,500	57,200	59,300	60,800	62,900
Management of Companies & Enterprises	11,900	12,400	12,400	12,600	13,200
Administrative, Support, Waste Management & Remediation Services	87,600	91,700	98,600	101,700	104,800
Educational Services	16,800	17,900	17,800	18,800	18,900
Health Care & Social Assistance	158,500	161,000	164,700	168,800	173,700
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	13,200	13,700	14,300	15,700	17,300
Accommodation & Food Services	112,900	115,100	118,500	121,000	122,600
Other Services (except Public Administration)	74,000	73,800	74,200	74,500	62,900
Public Administration	247,300	255,400	265,500	273,400	275,300
TOTALS	1,405,900	1,424,300	1,464,500	1,507,100	1,521,100

¹ Source: Oklahoma Employment Security Commission, Labor Market Unit, "CES Data". Excludes agricultural and federal employment. Figures are rounded.

² Source: Office of Management and Budget, *North American Industry Classification System, United States, 2007*.

Table 10
Filings by NAICS Sectors
2007

NAICS Sectors¹	All Filings²
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting	243
Mining	651
Utilities	107
Construction	1,124
Manufacturing	2,334
Wholesale Trade	416
Retail Trade	1,484
Transportation & Warehousing	766
Information	149
Finance & Insurance	104
Real Estate, Rental & Leasing	191
Professional, Scientific & Technical Services	196
Management of Companies & Enterprises	16
Administrative, Support, Waste Management & Remediation Services	945
Educational Services	319
Health Care & Social Assistance	1,341
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	108
Accommodation & Food Services	664
Other Services (except Public Administration)	267
Public Administration	1,716
Nonclassifiable and invalid codes	1,829
TOTALS	14,970

¹ Source: Office of Management and Budget, *North American Industry Classification System, United States, 2007*.

² Death filings are included in the count of all filings.

Table 11
Percent Distribution of Filings by NAICS Subsectors
2007

NAICS Subsectors ¹	All Filings ²	Percent
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, FISHING HUNTING		
Crop Production	18	0.1
Animal Production	26	0.2
Forestry & logging	175	1.2
Fishing, Hunting & Trapping	20	0.1
Support Activities for Agriculture & Forestry	6	0.0
Subtotal	245	1.6
MINING		
Oil & Gas Extraction	105	0.7
Mining (except Oil & Gas)	27	0.2
Support Activities for Mining	519	3.5
Subtotal	651	4.3
UTILITIES		
Utilities	108	0.7
Subtotal	108	0.7
CONSTRUCTION		
Construction of Buildings	276	1.8
Heavy & Civil Engineering Construction	153	1.0
Specialty Trade Contractors	695	4.6
Subtotal	1,124	7.5
MANUFACTURING		
Food Manufacturing	257	1.7
Beverage & Tobacco Product	71	0.5
Textile Mills	2	0.0
Textile Product Mills	13	0.1
Apparel Manufacturing	11	0.1
Leather & Allied Product Manufacturing	4	0.0
Wood Product Manufacturing	44	0.3
Paper Manufacturing	66	0.4
Printing & Related Support Activities	23	0.2
Petroleum & Coal Products Manufacturing	33	0.2
Chemical Manufacturing	40	0.3

Table 11 (continued)

NAICS Subsectors¹	All Filings²	Percent
Plastics & Rubber Products Manufacturing	455	3.0
Nonmetallic Mineral Product Manufacturing	169	1.1
Primary Metal Manufacturing	84	0.6
Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing	342	2.3
Machinery Manufacturing	344	2.3
Computer & Electronic Product Manufacturing	42	0.3
Electrical Equipment, Appliance & Component Manufacturing	42	0.3
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	220	1.5
Furniture & Related Product Manufacturing	30	0.2
Miscellaneous Manufacturing	43	0.3
Subtotal	2,335	15.6
WHOLESALE TRADE		
Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods	183	1.2
Merchant Wholesalers, Nondurable Goods	217	1.4
Wholesale Electronic Markets, Agents & Brokers	16	0.1
Subtotal	416	2.8
RETAIL TRADE		
Motor Vehicle & Parts Dealers	172	1.1
Furniture & Home Furnishings Stores	52	0.3
Electronics & Appliance Stores	31	0.2
Building Material, Garden Equipment & Supplies Dealers	196	1.3
Food & Beverage Stores	250	1.7
Health & Personal Care Stores	22	0.1
Gasoline Stations	46	0.3
Clothing & Clothing Accessories Stores	23	0.2
Sporting Goods, Hobby, Book & Music Stores	60	0.4
General Merchandise Stores	538	3.6
Miscellaneous Store Retailers	68	0.5
Nonstore Retailers	29	0.2
Subtotal	1,487	10.0
TRANSPORTATION & WAREHOUSING		
Air Transportation	169	1.1
Rail Transportation	0	0.0
Water Transportation	3	0.0
Truck Transportation	426	2.8
Transit & Ground Passenger Transportation	31	0.2
Pipeline Transportation	3	0.0
Scenic & Sightseeing Transportation	2	0.0
Support Activities for Transportation	56	0.4
Postal Service	0	0.0
Couriers & Messengers	78	0.5
Warehousing & Storage	13	0.1
Subtotal	781	5.2

Table 11 (continued)

NAICS Subsectors ¹	All Filings ²	Percent
INFORMATION		
Publishing Industries (except Internet)	43	0.3
Motion Picture & Sound Recording Industries	6	0.0
Broadcasting (except Internet)	42	0.3
Internet Publishing & Broadcasting	0	0.0
Telecommunications	47	0.3
Internet Service Providers, Web Search Portals & Data Processing Services	11	0.1
Other Information Services	1	0.0
Subtotal	150	1.0
FINANCE & INSURANCE		
Monetary Authorities-Central Bank	8	0.1
Credit Intermediation & Related Activities	33	0.2
Securities, Commodity Contracts, Other Financial Investments & Related Activities	10	0.1
Insurance Carriers & Related Activities	54	0.4
Funds, Trusts & Other Financial Vehicles	1	0.0
Subtotal	106	0.7
REAL ESTATE, RENTAL & LEASING		
Real Estate	131	0.9
Rental & Leasing Services	60	0.4
Lessors of Nonfinancial Intangible Assets (except Copyrighted Works)	0	0.0
Subtotal	191	1.3
PROFESSIONAL, SCIENTIFIC & TECHNICAL SERVICES		
Professional, Scientific & Technical Services	196	1.3
Subtotal	196	1.3
MANAGEMENT OF COMPANIES & ENTERPRISES		
Management of Companies & Enterprises	16	0.1
Subtotal	16	0.1
ADMINISTRATIVE, SUPPORT, WASTE MANAGEMENT & REMEDIATION SERVICES		
Administrative & Support Services	894	6.0
Waste Management & Remediation Services	51	0.3
Subtotal	945	6.3
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES		
Educational Services	652	4.4
Subtotal	652	4.4
HEALTH CARE & SOCIAL ASSISTANCE		
Ambulatory Health Care Services	437	2.9
Hospitals	437	2.9
Nursing & Residential Care Facilities	388	2.6
Social Assistance	156	1.0
Subtotal	1,418	9.5

Table 11 (continued)

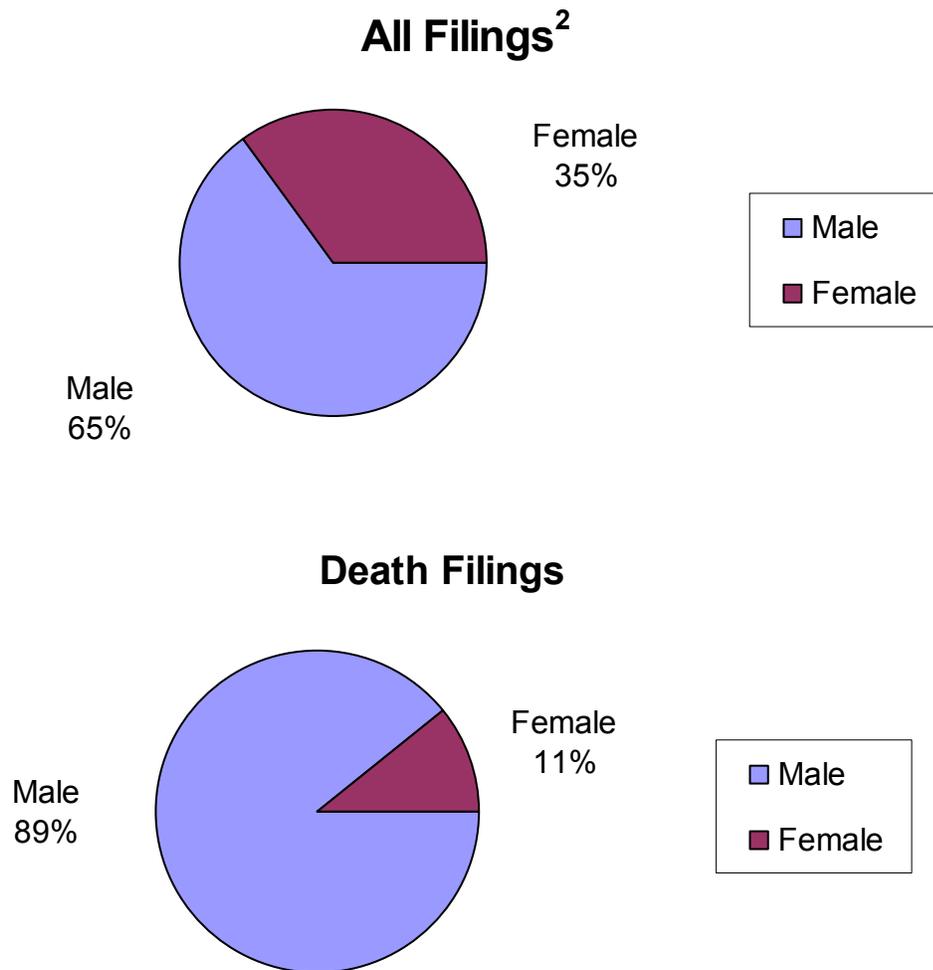
NAICS Subsectors¹	All Filings²	Percent
ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT & RECREATION		
Performing Arts, Spectator Sports & Related Industries	20	0.1
Museums, Historical Sites & Similar Institutions	10	0.1
Amusement, Gambling & Recreation Industries	79	0.5
Subtotal	109	0.7
ACCOMMODATION & FOOD SERVICES		
Accommodation	106	0.7
Food Services & Drinking Places	559	3.7
Subtotal	665	4.4
OTHER SERVICES (EXCEPT PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION)		
Repair & Maintenance	128	0.9
Personal & Laundry Services	71	0.5
Religious, Grantmaking, Civic, Professional & Similar Organizations	66	0.4
Private Households	2	0.0
Subtotal	267	1.8
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION		
Executive, Legislative & Other General Government Support	906	6.1
Justice, Public Order & Safety Activities	276	1.8
Administration of Human Resource Programs	48	0.3
Administration of Environmental	4	0.0
Administration of Housing Programs, Urban Planning & Community Development	10	0.1
Administration of Economic Programs	7	0.0
Space Research & Technology	0	0.0
National Security & International Affairs	1	0.0
Subtotal	1,252	8.4
NONCLASSIFIABLE		
Nonclassifiable and invalid codes	1,856	12.4
Subtotal	1,856	12.4
TOTALS	14,970	100.0%

¹ Source: Office of Management and Budget, *North American Industry Classification System, United States, 2007*.

² Death filings are included in the count of all filings.

Section V - Filings by Gender

Figure 1
Percent Distribution of Filings by Gender¹
2007



¹ Three (3) filings did not indicate the gender of the injured worker.

² Death filings are included in the count of all filings.

Table 12
Percent Distribution of Filings by Gender and
NAICS Sectors
2007

NAICS Sectors ²	Gender ¹			
	Male		Female	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting	205	84.4%	38	15.6%
Mining	631	96.9%	20	3.1%
Utilities	101	94.4%	6	5.6%
Construction	1,071	95.3%	53	4.7%
Manufacturing	1,819	77.9%	515	22.1%
Wholesale Trade	319	76.7%	97	23.3%
Retail Trade	708	47.7%	776	52.3%
Transportation & Warehousing	666	86.9%	100	13.1%
Information	81	54.4%	68	45.6%
Finance & Insurance	29	27.9%	75	72.1%
Real Estate, Rental & Leasing	122	63.9%	69	36.1%
Professional, Scientific & Technical Services	101	51.5%	95	48.5%
Management of Companies & Enterprises	11	68.8%	5	31.2%
Administrative, Support, Waste Management & Remediation Services	715	75.7%	230	24.3%
Educational Services	128	40.1%	191	59.9%
Health Care & Social Assistance	212	15.8%	1,129	84.2%
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	45	41.7%	61	56.5%
Accommodation & Food Services	244	36.7%	419	63.1%
Other Services (except Public Administration)	172	64.4%	95	35.6%
Public Administration	1,123	65.4%	593	34.6%
Nonclassifiable and invalid codes	1,279	69.9%	550	30.1%
TOTALS	9,782	65.3%	5,185	34.6%

¹ Three (3) filings did not indicate the gender of the injured worker.

² Source: Office of Management and Budget, *North American Industry Classification System, United States, 2007*.

Section VI - Filings by Age

Table 13
Percent Distribution of Filings by Age and Gender
2007

		Gender ¹					
		All Filings ²		Male		Female	
Age Group	Count	Percent ³	Count	Percent ⁴	Count	Percent ⁵	
15 Years or Less	5	0.0%	3	0.0%	2	0.0%	
16 - 17 Years	29	0.2%	19	0.2%	10	0.2%	
18 - 19 Years	191	1.3%	140	1.4%	51	1.0%	
20 - 24 Years	935	6.2%	668	6.8%	267	5.2%	
25 - 34 Years	2,795	18.7%	1,976	20.2%	819	15.8%	
35 - 44 Years	3,993	26.7%	2,587	26.5%	1,406	27.1%	
45 - 54 Years	4,393	29.3%	2,747	28.1%	1,645	31.7%	
55 - 64 Years	2,120	14.2%	1,293	13.2%	827	15.9%	
65 Years or More	368	2.5%	241	2.5%	127	2.5%	
Unknown	141	0.9%	108	1.1%	31	0.6%	
TOTALS	14,970	100.0%	9,782	100.0%	5,185	100.0%	

¹ Three (3) filings did not indicate the gender of the injured worker.

² Death filings are included in the count of all filings.

³ Represents the percentage of total filings by age.

⁴ Represents the percentage of male gender filings by age.

⁵ Represents the percentage of female gender filings by age.

Table 14
Filings by Age of Worker and NAICS Sectors
2007

NAICS Sectors ¹	Age of Worker										Total
	15 or less	16-17	18-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65 +	Unk	
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting	0	0	0	6	22	68	88	54	3	2	243
Mining	0	0	12	68	163	167	167	60	13	1	651
Utilities	0	0	0	3	11	24	40	25	2	2	107
Construction	0	0	13	85	300	312	303	93	13	5	1,124
Manufacturing	1	0	20	141	421	633	686	370	40	22	2,334
Wholesale Trade	0	0	7	23	89	131	106	49	7	4	416
Retail Trade	0	8	36	120	245	402	415	201	44	13	1,484
Transportation & Warehousing	0	0	5	28	105	226	239	137	21	5	766
Information	0	0	2	6	25	41	50	20	4	1	149
Finance & Insurance	0	0	0	3	15	27	35	21	2	1	104
Real Estate, Rental & Leasing	0	0	2	15	28	53	50	30	11	2	191
Professional, Scientific & Technical Services	0	1	2	14	43	58	45	30	3	0	196
Management of Companies & Enterprises	0	0	0	0	0	4	6	4	2	0	16
Administrative, Support, Waste Management & Remediation Services	1	0	19	80	246	263	225	78	19	14	945
Educational Services	0	0	0	4	21	58	128	88	17	3	319
Health Care & Social Assistance	1	1	13	80	234	362	402	194	42	12	1,341
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	0	0	2	5	23	20	32	16	6	4	108
Accommodation & Food Services	1	17	25	75	152	158	157	54	15	10	664
Other Services (except Public Administration)	0	0	5	14	36	83	86	29	13	1	267
Public Administration	0	1	3	43	204	417	627	347	61	13	1,716
Nonclassifiable and invalid codes	1	1	25	122	412	486	506	220	30	26	1,829
TOTALS	5	29	191	935	2,795	3,993	4,393	2,120	368	141	14,970

¹ Source: Office of Management and Budget, *North American Industry Classification System, United States, 2007*.

Section VII - Death Filings

Table 15
Distribution of Death Filings by NAICS Sectors
2007

NAICS Sectors¹	Count
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting	1
Mining	16
Utilities	2
Construction	16
Manufacturing	8
Wholesale Trade	4
Retail Trade	8
Transportation & Warehousing	5
Information	0
Finance & Insurance	1
Real Estate, Rental & Leasing	2
Professional, Scientific & Technical Services	0
Management of Companies & Enterprises	0
Administrative, Support, Waste Management & Remediation Services	8
Educational Services	1
Health Care & Social Assistance	1
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	0
Accommodation & Food Services	0
Other Services (except Public Administration)	2
Public Administration	10
Nonclassifiable and invalid codes	25
TOTALS	110

¹ Source: Office of Management and Budget, *North American Industry Classification System, United States, 2007*.

Table 16
Percent Distribution of Death Filings by Part of Body
2007

Body Part	Count	Percent
Abdomen	2	1.8%
Ankle	1	0.9%
Back	1	0.9%
Body Parts, unspecified	3	2.7%
Body System	8	7.3%
Chest	3	2.7%
Circulatory System	14	12.7%
Excretory System	2	1.8%
Foot	1	0.9%
Head	29	26.5%
Hip	2	1.8%
Knee	1	0.9%
Lower Body, unspecified	1	0.9%
Multiple Parts	28	25.6%
Neck	4	3.6%
Nervous System	3	2.7%
Respiratory System	4	3.6%
Shoulder	2	1.8%
Other	1	0.9%
TOTALS	110	100.0%

Table 17
Percent Distribution of Death Filings by Gender and
NAICS Sectors
2007

NAICS Sectors ¹	Gender			
	Male		Female	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting	1	0.9%	0	0.0%
Mining	16	14.5%	0	0.0%
Utilities	2	1.8%	0	0.0%
Construction	16	14.5%	0	0.0%
Manufacturing	8	7.3%	0	0.0%
Wholesale Trade	3	2.7%	1	0.9%
Retail Trade	7	6.4%	1	0.9%
Transportation & Warehousing	4	3.6%	1	0.9%
Information	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Finance & Insurance	1	0.9%	0	0.0%
Real Estate, Rental & Leasing	1	0.9%	1	0.9%
Professional, Scientific & Technical Services	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Management of Companies & Enterprises	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Administrative, Support, Waste Management & Remediation Services	7	6.4%	1	0.9%
Educational Services	1	0.9%	0	0.0%
Health Care & Social Assistance	0	0.0%	1	0.9%
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Accommodation & Food Services	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Other Services (except Public Administration)	2	1.8%	0	0.0%
Public Administration	7	6.4%	3	2.8%
Nonclassifiable and invalid codes	22	20.1%	3	2.7%
TOTALS	98	89.1%	12	10.9%

¹ Source: Office of Management and Budget, *North American Industry Classification System, United States, 2007*.

Table 18
Percent Distribution of Death Filings by Age
2007

Gender

Age Group	Totals		Male		Female	
	Count	Percent ¹	Count	Percent ²	Count	Percent ³
15 Years or Less	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
16 - 17 Years	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
18 - 19 Years	2	1.8%	2	2.0%	0	0.0%
20 - 24 Years	6	5.5%	6	6.1%	0	0.0%
25 - 34 Years	14	12.7%	13	13.3%	1	8.3%
35 - 44 Years	23	20.9%	20	20.4%	3	25.0%
45 - 54 Years	36	32.7%	32	32.7%	4	33.3%
55 - 64 Years	17	15.5%	14	14.3%	3	25.0%
65 Years or More	11	10.0%	10	10.2%	1	8.3%
Unknown	1	0.9%	1	1.0%	0	0.0%
TOTALS	110	100.0%	98	100.0%	12	100.0%

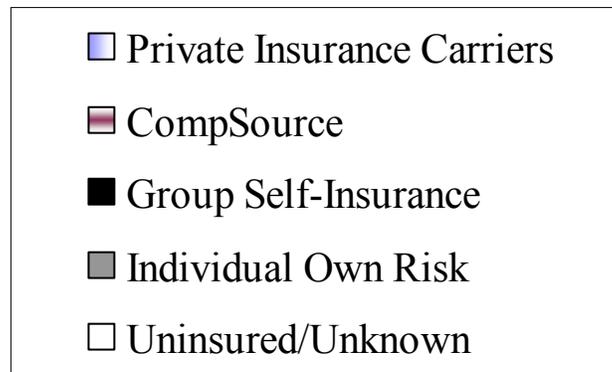
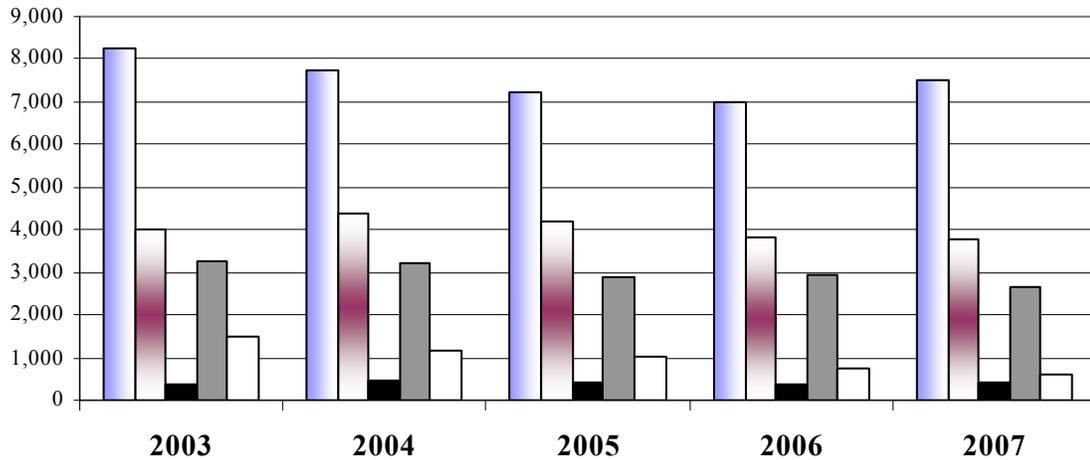
¹ Represents the percentage of total filings by age.

² Represents the percentage of male gender filings by age.

³ Represents the percentage of female gender filings by age.

Section VIII - Type of Coverage

Chart 1
Distribution of Filings by Type of Coverage
2003 - 2007

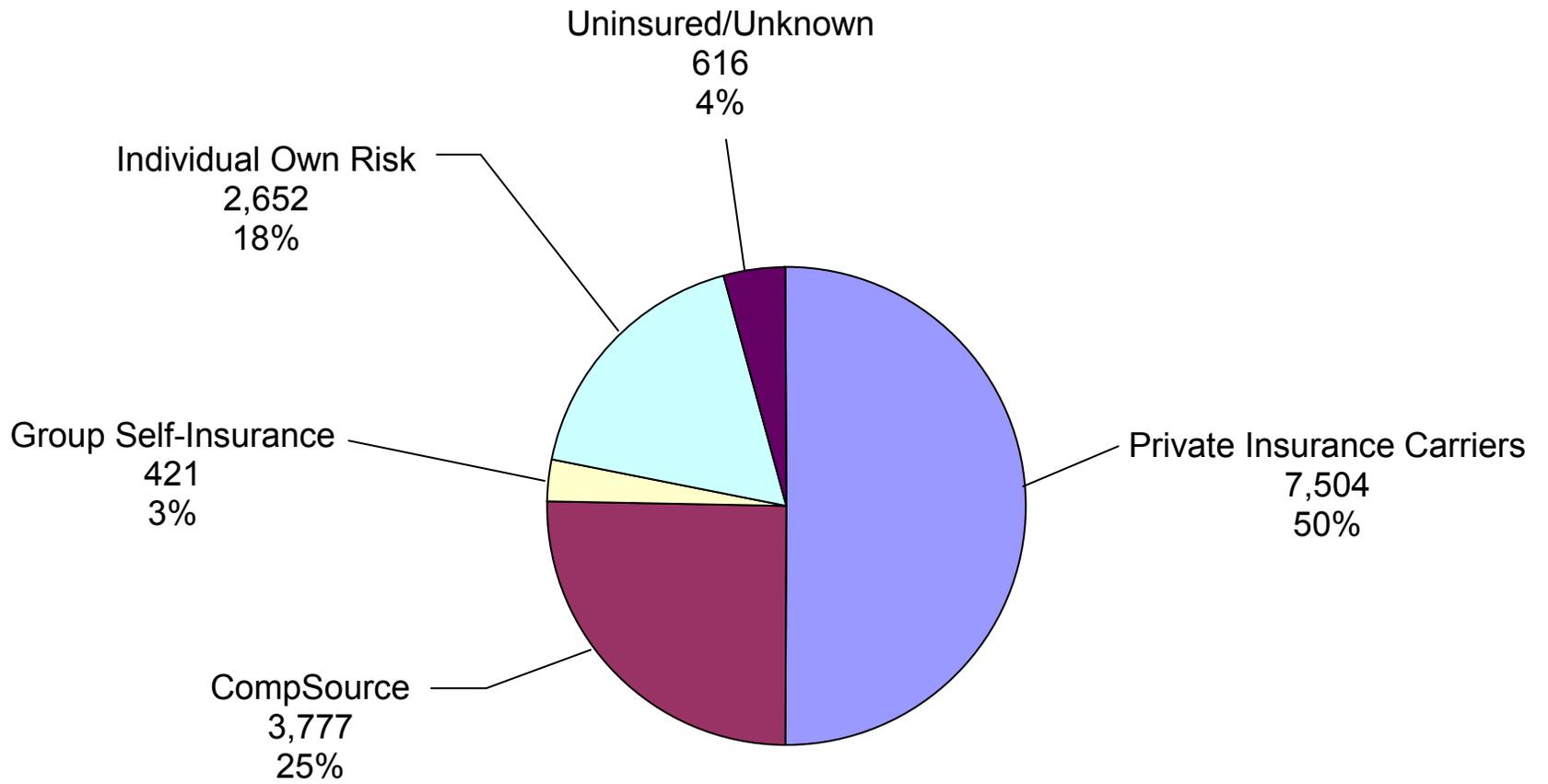


Filings By Year

	2003		2004		2005		2006		2007	
	Qty	%								
Private Insurance Carriers	8,245	47%	7,720	45%	7,214	46%	7,010	47%	7,504	50%
CompSource	4,013	23%	4,364	26%	4,197	27%	3,839	26%	3,777	25%
Group Self-Insurance	393	2%	463	3%	435	2%	388	3%	421	3%
Individual Own Risk	3,269	19%	3,230	19%	2,872	18%	2,947	19%	2,652	18%
Uninsured/Unknown	1,470	9%	1,156	7%	1,022	7%	735	5%	616	4%
TOTALS	17,390	100%	16,933	100%	15,740	100%	14,919	100%	14,970	100%

Figure 2

**Percent Distribution of Filings by Type of Coverage
2007**



**Section IX - Settlements, Dismissals
and Court Orders**

Table 19
Select Orders and Settlements: 2003 - 2007

Type of Order¹	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Form 14.....	1,364	1,232	1,055	490	99
Joint Petition	11,387	11,328	10,236	10,700	10,513
Claims Dismissed	340	616	585	486	427
Commute to a Lump Sum.....	58	74	76	82	133
Death Benefits.....	62	56	48	64	59
Denial of Claim.....	688	619	599	505	532
Denial - Miscellaneous	292	248	287	245	184
Disfigurement	67	61	72	68	63
Independent Medical Examination	4,429	4,244	4,245	2,329	606
Miscellaneous	1,735	2,444	2,369	2,404	1,996
Nunc Pro Tunc	928	843	838	839	793
Order to Vacate.....	118	110	138	119	137
Payment of Medical Expenses (Form 19).....	685	568	687	662	675
Permanent Partial Disability	3,804	3,469	3,291	3,413	3,431
Permanent Total Disability	67	44	62	78	62
Multiple Injury Trust Fund	309	162	105	34	21
Multiple Injury Trust Fund PTD.....	142	136	119	71	159
Supplemental Order	143	179	131	115	75
Temporary Total Disability.....	2,232	2,139	2,295	2,034	2,090
Vocational Rehabilitation	178	184	199	150	163
Vocational Rehabilitation Evaluation.....	1,005	836	718	570	545

¹ Not all order/settlement categories appear in this table.

Table 20

Orders and Settlements, Calendar Year 2007 (Detail)¹

Settlement/Order Type	Number of Awards or Settlements	Amount of Award or Settlement
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Agreed Settlements

Form 14.....	99	\$1,481,159
Joint Petition.....	10,513	\$199,580,739
Compromise Settlement (Form 1X).....	3	\$20,037
Form 26.....	291	\$2,253,138

Order Type	Number of Orders	Amount of Orders
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Workers' Compensation Court Orders

Change of Condition PPD	145	\$2,826,118
Change of Condition TTD.....	103	\$55,985
Change of Condition PTD Reopen Worse.....	10	
Compensability.....	124	
Death Benefits	59	\$6,168,691
Denial of Claim	532	
Denial, Miscellaneous	184	
Disfigurement	63	\$340,900
Payment of Medical Expenses.....	675	\$1,111,676
Medical Treatment Ordered.....	1,996	
Medical Case Management Approved.....	96	
Permanent Partial Disability (PPD).....	3,431	\$85,442,339
Permanent Total Disability.....	62	
Multiple Injury Trust Fund.....	21	\$240,035
Multiple Injury Trust Fund PTD.....	159	
Employer Combined Disability	34	
Temporary Total Disability	2,090	\$1,732,312
Independent Medical Examination	606	
Change of Physician	3,165	
Vocational Rehabilitation Evaluation.....	545	
Attorney Fees.....	42	
Attorney Withdrawal	1,874	
Certification to District Court.....	87	
Claim Dismissed.....	427	
Commute to a Lump Sum.....	133	
Consolidation of Claims	319	

Table 20 (continued)

Orders and Settlements, Calendar Year 2007 (Detail)¹

Order Type	Number of Orders	Amount of Orders
Employer/Insurance Carrier Dismissed	236	
Employer/Insurance Carrier Added	38	
Extension of Time	0	
Jurisdiction	5	
Miscellaneous	1,998	
Nunc Pro Tunc	793	(-\$133,699)
Order to Vacate	137	(-\$663,545)
Pauper Status Approved	12	
Pauper Status Denied	2	
Multiple Injury Trust Fund, Miscellaneous	13	
Supplemental Order	75	
Venue	485	
Vocational Rehabilitation	163	
Order for Mediation	634	

Court En Banc Orders of Appealed Workers' Compensation Court Cases

Appeal Affirming	687	
Appeal Modifying	304	(-\$527,869)
Appeal Dismissing	8	
Appeal Remanded/Vacated	174	(-\$555,381)

Supreme Court Orders of Appealed Workers' Compensation Court Cases

Mandate Affirming	2	
Mandate Dismissing	36	
Mandate JP of Settlement	12	
Mandate Sustaining	135	
Mandate Remanded/Vacated	19	

¹ Not all order categories appear in this table. Excludes orders of the Court Administrator.

Table 21

Orders and Settlements, Calendar Year 2006 (Detail)¹

Settlement/Order Type	Number of Awards or Settlements	Amount of Award or Settlement
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Agreed Settlements

Form 14.....	490	\$5,810,064
Joint Petition	10,700	\$189,313,199
Compromise Settlement (Form 1X)	6	\$30,864
Form 26.....	235	\$1,675,577

Order Type	Number of Orders	Amount of Orders
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Workers' Compensation Court Orders

Change of Condition PPD	154	\$2,494,879
Change of Condition TTD	103	
Change of Condition PTD Reopen Worse.....	4	
Compensability	153	
Death Benefits	64	
Denial of Claim	505	
Denial, Miscellaneous	245	
Disfigurement	68	\$303,200
Payment of Medical Expenses.....	662	
Medical Treatment Ordered.....	1,615	
Medical Case Management Approved.....	103	
Permanent Partial Disability (PPD).....	3,413	\$76,108,844
Permanent Total Disability	78	
Multiple Injury Trust Fund	34	\$322,322
Multiple Injury Trust Fund PTD.....	71	
Employer Combined Disability	35	
Temporary Total Disability	2,034	
Independent Medical Examination	2,329	
Change of Physician	1,883	
Vocational Rehabilitation Evaluation.....	570	
Attorney Fees.....	26	
Attorney Withdrawal	1,522	
Certification to District Court.....	104	
Claim Dismissed.....	486	
Commute to a Lump Sum.....	82	
Consolidation of Claims	293	

Table 21 (continued)

Orders and Settlements, Calendar Year 2006 (Detail)¹

Order Type	Number of Orders	Amount of Orders
Employer/Insurance Carrier Dismissed	287	
Employer/Insurance Carrier Added	54	
Extension of Time	0	
Jurisdiction	4	
Miscellaneous	2,404	
Nunc Pro Tunc	839	\$27,919
Order to Vacate	119	(-\$570,479)
Pauper Status Approved	9	
Pauper Status Denied	4	
Multiple Injury Trust Fund, Miscellaneous	8	
Supplemental Order	115	
Venue	177	
Vocational Rehabilitation	150	
Order for Mediation	132	

Court En Banc Orders of Appealed Workers' Compensation Court Cases

Appeal Affirming	659	
Appeal Modifying	243	(-\$10,197)
Appeal Dismissing	12	
Appeal Remanded/Vacated	131	(-\$371,218)

Supreme Court Orders of Appealed Workers' Compensation Court Cases

Mandate Affirming	3	
Mandate Dismissing	23	
Mandate JP of Settlement	7	
Mandate Sustaining	129	
Mandate Remanded/Vacated	28	

¹ Not all order categories appear in this table. Excludes orders of the Court Administrator.

Table 22

Orders and Settlements, Calendar Year 2005 (Detail)¹

Settlement/Order Type	Number of Awards or Settlements	Amount of Award or Settlement
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Agreed Settlements

Form 14.....	1,055	\$10,203,786
Joint Petition	10,236	\$164,158,887
Compromise Settlement (Form 1X)	9	\$53,817
Form 26.....	108	\$934,491

Order Type	Number of Orders	Amount of Orders
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Workers' Compensation Court Orders

Change of Condition PPD	143	\$2,321,459
Change of Condition TTD	89	
Change of Condition PTD Reopen Worse.....	7	
Compensability	237	
Death Benefits	48	
Denial of Claim	599	
Denial, Miscellaneous	287	
Disfigurement	72	\$294,050
Payment of Medical Expenses.....	687	
Medical Treatment Ordered.....	1,381	
Medical Case Management Approved.....	112	
Permanent Partial Disability (PPD).....	3,291	\$65,883,671
Permanent Total Disability	62	
Multiple Injury Trust Fund	89	\$826,982
Multiple Injury Trust Fund PTD.....	119	
Employer Combined Disability	47	
Temporary Total Disability	2,295	
Independent Medical Examination	4,245	
Change of Physician	838	
Vocational Rehabilitation Evaluation.....	718	
Attorney Fees.....	50	
Attorney Withdrawal	2,171	
Certification to District Court.....	111	
Claim Dismissed.....	585	
Commute to a Lump Sum.....	76	
Consolidation of Claims	275	

Table 22 (continued)

Orders and Settlements, Calendar Year 2005 (Detail)¹

Order Type	Number of Orders	Amount of Orders
Employer/Insurance Carrier Dismissed	243	
Employer/Insurance Carrier Added	77	
Extension of Time	0	
Jurisdiction	10	
Miscellaneous	2,372	
Nunc Pro Tunc	838	\$66,360
Order to Vacate	138	(-\$552,069)
Pauper Status Approved	25	
Pauper Status Denied	5	
Multiple Injury Trust Fund, Miscellaneous	16	
Supplemental Order	131	
Venue	144	
Vocational Rehabilitation	200	
Order for Mediation	5	

Court En Banc Orders of Appealed Workers' Compensation Court Cases

Appeal Affirming	647	
Appeal Modifying	272	(-\$103,856)
Appeal Dismissing	9	
Appeal Remanded/Vacated	134	(-\$461,797)

Supreme Court Orders of Appealed Workers' Compensation Court Cases

Mandate Affirming	3	
Mandate Dismissing	23	
Mandate JP of Settlement	10	
Mandate Sustaining	110	
Mandate Remanded/Vacated	20	

¹ Not all order categories appear in this table. Excludes orders of the Court Administrator.

Table 23

Orders and Settlements, Calendar Year 2004 (Detail)¹

Settlement/Order Type	Number of Awards or Settlements	Amount of Award or Settlement
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Agreed Settlements of Claims for Compensation Approved by the Court

Form 14.....	1,232	\$11,465,617
Joint Petition.....	11,328	\$163,013,610

Order Type	Number of Orders	Amount of Orders
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Workers' Compensation Court Orders

Change of Condition PPD	132	\$2,010,957
Change of Condition TTD	65	
Change of Condition PTD Reopen Worse.....	6	
Compensability	246	
Death Benefits	56	
Denial of Claim	619	
Denial, Miscellaneous	248	
Disfigurement	61	\$206,750
Payment of Medical Expenses.....	568	
Medical Treatment Ordered.....	1,334	
Medical Case Management Approved.....	101	
Permanent Partial Disability (PPD).....	3,469	\$60,816,439
Permanent Total Disability.....	44	
Multiple Injury Trust Fund.....	162	\$1,422,599
Multiple Injury Trust Fund PTD.....	136	
Temporary Total Disability	2,139	
Independent Medical Examination	4,244	
Vocational Rehabilitation Evaluation.....	836	
Attorney Fees.....	30	
Attorney Withdrawal	2,52	
Certification to District Court.....	120	
Claim Dismissed.....	616	
Commute to a Lump Sum.....	74	
Consolidation of Claims	594	

Table 23 (continued)

Orders and Settlements, Calendar Year 2004 (Detail)¹

Order Type	Number of Orders	Amount of Orders
Employer/Insurance Carrier Dismissed	261	
Employer/Insurance Carrier Added	98	
Extension of Time	1	
Jurisdiction	12	
Miscellaneous	2,444	
Nunc Pro Tunc	843	\$101,114
Order to Vacate	110	(-\$633,004)
Pauper Status Approved	23	
Pauper Status Denied	4	
Multiple Injury Trust Fund, Miscellaneous	19	
Supplemental Order	179	
Venue	130	
Vocational Rehabilitation	184	

Court En Banc Orders of Appealed Workers' Compensation Court Cases

Appeal Affirming	757	
Appeal Modifying	292	\$54,430
Appeal Dismissing	8	
Appeal Remanded/Vacated	150	(-\$169,516)

Supreme Court Orders of Appealed Workers' Compensation Court Cases

Mandate Affirming	3	
Mandate Dismissing	29	
Mandate JP of Settlement	7	
Mandate Sustaining	140	
Mandate Remanded/Vacated	23	

¹ Not all order categories appear in this table. Excludes orders of the Court Administrator.

Table 24
Orders and Settlements, Calendar Year 2003 (Detail)¹

Settlement/Order Type	Number of Awards or Settlements	Amount of Award or Settlement
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Agreed Settlements of Claims for Compensation Approved by the Court

Form 14.....	1,364	\$12,351,613
Joint Petition	11,387	\$144,152,715

Order Type	Number of Orders	Amount of Orders
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Workers' Compensation Court Orders

Change of Condition PPD	127	\$1,514,881
Change of Condition TTD	64	
Change of Condition PTD Reopen Worse.....	6	
Compensability	333	
Death Benefits	62	
Denial of Claim	688	
Denial, Miscellaneous	292	
Disfigurement	67	\$247,925
Payment of Medical Expenses.....	685	
Medical Treatment Ordered.....	1,343	
Permanent Partial Disability (PPD).....	3,804	\$59,538,722
Permanent Total Disability.....	67	
Multiple Injury Trust Fund.....	309	\$2,104,903
Multiple Injury Trust Fund PTD.....	142	
Temporary Total Disability	2,232	
Independent Medical Examination	4,429	
Vocational Rehabilitation Evaluation.....	1,005	
Attorney Fees.....	41	
Attorney Withdrawal	2,595	
Certification to District Court.....	100	
Claim Dismissed.....	340	
Commute to a Lump Sum.....	58	
Consolidation of Claims	546	

Table 24 (continued)

Orders and Settlements, Calendar Year 2003 (Detail)¹

Order Type	Number of Orders	Amount of Orders
Employer/Insurance Carrier Dismissed	307	
Employer/Insurance Carrier Added	121	
Extension of Time	0	
Jurisdiction	16	
Miscellaneous	2,253	
Nunc Pro Tunc	928\$68
Order to Vacate	118(-\$461,072)
Pauper Status Approved	33	
Pauper Status Denied	9	
Multiple Injury Trust Fund, Miscellaneous	65	
Supplemental Order	143	
Venue	135	
Vocational Rehabilitation	178	

Court En Banc Orders of Appealed Workers' Compensation Court Cases

Appeal Affirming	720	
Appeal Modifying	285\$47,100
Appeal Dismissing	5	
Appeal Remanded/Vacated	138(-\$201,719)

Supreme Court Orders of Appealed Workers' Compensation Court Cases

Mandate Affirming	1	
Mandate Dismissing	35	
Mandate JP of Settlement	17	
Mandate Sustaining	174	
Mandate Remanded/Vacated	36	

¹ Not all order categories appear in this table. Excludes orders of the Court Administrator.

Table 25
2007 Judicial Activity

Judge	PHC Settings	Trial Settings	Death Orders	PTD Orders	PPD Orders	TTD Orders	Denial of Claim Orders	Form 19 Orders	Joint Petition & Form 14 Settlements	Miscellaneous Orders	Orders Appealed to En Banc Panel	En Banc Appeal Orders	Workers' Compensation Court Judges	
													Active	Retired
Black	3,049	2,628	6	5	379	247	59	314	842	236	103	375		
Blanchard	5,103	2,348	9	4	317	213	65	310	1,345	198	128	332		
Edwards	2,998	2,556	3	8	229	187	37	275	1,183	208	115	254		
Eldridge	3,080	1,729	3	4	273	154	47	170	659	159	73	362		
Farrar	3,496	2,814	5	6	347	239	52	309	412	159	98	352		
Fulton	3,489	2,557	5	9	333	221	60	305	1,081	198	101	283		
Harkey	3,275	2,196	9	8	389	209	54	268	877	258	93	372		
Leonard	4,124	3,256	11	9	483	280	78	423	823	244	140	356		
McCormick	3,213	1,746	5	3	300	174	41	158	1,172	198	66	438		
Prigmore	4,107	2,376	3	6	380	166	39	234	826	135	59	313		
Cashion	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0		
Hunter	4	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	12		
Strubhar	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	10		
Totals	35,943	24,213	59	62	3,431	2,090	532	2,766	9,221	1,994	976	3,459 ¹		

¹Total Appeal Orders in 2007.

Table 26
Appellate Activity: 2003 - 2007

Court En Banc Orders

Type of Order	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
En Banc Appeal Affirming.....	720	757	647	659	687
En Banc Appeal Dismissing.....	5	8	9	12	8
En Banc Appeal Modifying.....	285	292	272	243	304
En Banc Appeal Remanded/Vacated	138	150	134	131	174
TOTALS.....	1,148	1,207	1,062	1,045	1,173

Supreme Court Orders

Type of Order	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Mandate Affirming.....	1	3	3	3	2
Mandate Dismissing.....	35	29	23	23	36
Mandate JP of Settlement.....	17	7	10	7	12
Mandate Remanded/Vacated ¹	36	23	20	28	19
Mandate Sustaining.....	174	140	110	129	135
TOTALS.....	263	202	166	190	204

¹ This category includes the subcategories: Mandate Affirmed, Mandate Affirmed Death Benefits, Mandate Affirmed Disfigurement, Mandate Affirmed PPD and Mandate Affirmed TTD.

Section X - Hearings

Table 27
Hearings Set by Issue or Docket Type & City of Setting
2007

Type of Issues/Docket to be Set	Oklahoma City	Tulsa	TOTALS
<u>Trial Dockets</u>			
Trial Settings	12,586	6,582	19,168
Multiple Injury Trust Fund (PPD & Perm. Total)	141	58	199
Employer Combined Disability	238	51	289
Miscellaneous Issues	2,784	1,773	4,557
<u>Informal Dispute Resolution Dockets</u>			
Temporary Issue Docket.....	3,474	2,016	5,490
Prehearing Conference	23,555	12,388	35,943
Form 19 Disposition Docket	915	556	1,471
Judicial Settlement Conferences.....	13	59	72
<u>Appellate Dockets</u>			
Court En Banc Appeals	897	579	1,476
TOTALS.....	44,603	24,062	68,665

Trial Settings: This docket includes issues involving permanent partial disability, temporary total disability and death benefits.

Judicial Settlement Conference: Judicial Settlement Conferences permit an informal discussion between the parties, attorneys, and the settlement judge on every aspect of the case bearing on its settlement value in an effort to resolve the matter before trial. The conference is conducted by a judge other than the assigned trial judge. The judicial settlement conference docket process was developed effective 10/23/01 in response to changes to 85 O.S., § 3.4.

Temporary Issue Docket: Preliminary docket used for Requests for TTD, Objection to Terminate TTD, Motion to Terminate TTD, Motion to Reopen for TTD, Motion for Change of Physician, Request for Medical Treatment, Prosthesis, Rate of Compensation and Custodial Care.

Miscellaneous Issues: Include instances where a Form 19 claim cannot be resolved at the Administrative Docket level, and the parties request judicial determination. If this issue is scheduled on a judicial docket with no other issue it is counted as a "miscellaneous" setting. In addition, if a party "motions" the court to order production of documents, etc, and these issues are not accompanied by any other "weightier" issue, these "motions" are also counted in the miscellaneous category.

Prehearing Conference: A Prehearing Conference docket used for review of issues such as Redetermination of Death Benefits, Rehabilitation, Attorney Fees, Disfigurement, Jurisdiction, Penalty, Reimbursement of Expenses, Travel Expenses, Request for IME, Multiple Injury Trust Fund (Permanent Total & Permanent Partial), Motion to Grant a Judicial Settlement Conference and miscellaneous Motions (i.e. Motions to Compel, to Commute, to Revoke Insurance License, to Produce, to Consolidate Claims for Hearing, to Tax Costs, to Change Venue of Hearing).

Court En Banc Appeals: A docket consisting of cases appealed from orders of a Workers' Compensation Court trial judge to a three-judge review panel.

Form 19 Disposition Docket: A docket utilized for the Request for Payment of Health or Rehabilitation Services.

Section XI - Dispute Prevention

Dispute Prevention

Dispute prevention covers a broad range of efforts by the Workers' Compensation Court to distribute information, provide assistance, and educate and train stakeholders. These efforts help resolve differences between the parties without resort to trial. They include:

- Making telephone information lines, including a toll-free line, available to the public;
- Assisting stakeholders;
- Providing education and training;
- Producing written materials explaining rights and responsibilities under the law; and
- Providing information on the Internet.

Telephone Information Lines and Assisting Stakeholders

In addition to its regular business telephone lines, the Court maintains an in-state toll free information line. Most requests for information or assistance are processed by the Court's Counselor Department. The department was created in 1994 and previously was known as the Ombudsman Office. The Department provides information, training and outreach to injured workers and other stakeholders. Counselors regularly assist employers, workers, insurers, medical providers, attorneys, government agencies, and the Attorney General's Workers' Compensation Fraud Unit.

In calendar year 2007, counselors responded to 27,322 telephone calls about the law, made 591 follow-up contacts, assisted 406 visitors who came to the Court for help, and responded in writing to 6,282 requests for information (including requests for brochures and educational documents).

About 55% of the inquiries were initiated by the worker, followed next by inquiries from medical providers. Questions regarding medical issues also are responded to by the Court's

Table 28. Inquiries to Counselor Department by Inquirer

Inquirer	2003		2004		2005		2006		2007	
	Count	Share								
Worker	14,039	58.61%	17,422	63.23%	18,331	59.53%	16,572	57.27%	15,004	54.92%
Employer	3,606	15.05%	3,717	13.49%	3,824	12.42%	3,632	12.55%	3,946	14.44%
Medical Provider	2,763	11.54%	2,592	9.41%	4,911	15.95%	4,723	16.32%	4,294	15.72%
Attorney	409	1.71%	526	1.91%	472	1.53%	233	0.81%	624	2.28%
Insurance Carrier	336	1.40%	427	1.55%	416	1.35%	521	1.80%	698	2.55%
AG Workers' Compensation Fraud Unit	283	1.18%	483	1.75%	510	1.66%	763	2.64%	758	2.77%
Legislators	22	0.09%	28	0.10%	47	0.15%	78	0.27%	31	0.11%
Other OK Government Agencies	79	0.33%	184	0.67%	172	0.56%	217	0.75%	326	1.19%
Other States	151	0.63%	121	0.44%	117	0.38%	54	0.19%	112	0.41%
Other	2,265	9.46%	20,054	7.45%	1,995	6.48%	2,146	7.42%	1,529	5.60%
TOTAL	23,953	100.00%	27,554	100.00%	30,995	100.00%	28,939	100.00%	27,322	100.00%

Medical Services Division. Most questions to the division concern the workers' compensation fee schedule and the Independent Medical Examiner and Medical Case Manager systems maintained by the Court.

Education and Training

The Court periodically sponsors, or jointly sponsors, educational seminars for workers' compensation system stakeholders. Its first program was in 1995. Additional programs have been held regularly thereafter. The programs are attended by insurance and business representatives, government agency personnel, physicians and their staff, attorneys and other legal professionals, certified workplace medical plan employees, vocational rehabilitation evaluators, case managers, and other health care professionals. The programs highlight legislative and case law developments, workers' compensation trends and best practices. They are designed to educate and train stakeholders about workers' compensation laws.

Onsite training and workshops for various business, insurance and civic groups also are provided by the Court's Counselor Department upon request. Additionally, Judges and other court staff are frequent presenters at programs sponsored by the Oklahoma Bar Association and other groups. In calendar year 2007, counselors participated in educational conferences around the state attended by approximately 6,638 persons.

Written Materials

The Counselor Department produces written information, including brochures and educational documents, that explain rights and responsibilities under the workers' compensation law. Upon request, it distributes materials designed for injured workers and materials aimed at employers. In addition, the Department produces materials that describe aspects of the workers' compensation system (such as information on mediation and about resolving medical disputes). Written materials also are prepared by the Judges and court staff for various seminars sponsored or participated in by court personnel.

The Court Administrator produces a workers' compensation fee schedule. The document sets the maximum allowable reimbursement for health care services rendered to an injured worker with a compensable injury. By stating maximum amounts, the schedule provides the parties guidance for resolving charge disputes without involving either the Court or the Court Administrator. The schedule was adopted last in December 2007 and became effective January 1, 2008. It is available on the Court's web site at <http://www.owcc.state.ok.us/publications1.htm>, under "Medical Services".

Information Via the Internet

The Court maintains an Internet web site at <http://www.owcc.state.ok.us> that is specific to workers' compensation in Oklahoma. The site became operational in February 2002 and is updated regularly. It has general information about the Court and includes materials such as a staff directory, brochures and other court publications, insurance information, updates on recent

changes, court rules and forms, and links to Oklahoma's workers' compensation laws and to Internet sites of workers' compensation entities in other states. The Court's site also provides e-mail contact directly to the Counselor Department for individual assistance.

Section XII - Informal Dispute Resolution

Informal Dispute Resolution

Various informal dispute resolution processes implemented by the Court are described below. Each is intended to help provide a fast, cost-effective means of resolving disputes by the parties without the need for a trial. To the extent litigation is avoided, claims related costs like attorney fees and medicolegal costs are minimized.

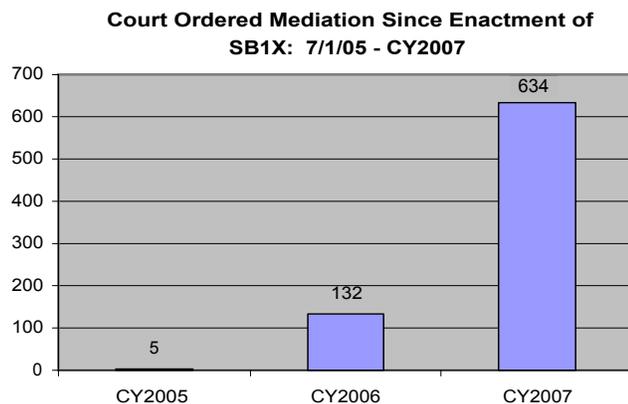
Mediation

Mediation is the process of resolving disputes with the assistance of a mediator, outside of a formal court proceeding. The purpose of mediation is to identify issues, clarify misunderstandings, explore solutions, and negotiate settlement. It is an alternative to litigation. All workers' compensation issues may be mediated except combined disabilities claims involving the Multiple Injury Trust Fund and claims subject to the dispute resolution procedure of a certified workplace medical plan (managed care organization). Law changes affecting mediation were made in SB1X (2005). Now, mediation may be by agreement of the parties or by court order upon request of a party or on the Court's own motion when determined helpful to resolve the claim. Before 2005, the law required both parties to consent to mediation and to agree upon the mediator before mediation could occur.

Forty-four mediators are certified by the Court to provide services under the new Court Mediation System (CMS). Twenty-seven applications for certification were processed by the Court's Counselor Department in 2007. Court certified mediators serve for five-year terms. Mediators are located in Ada, Ardmore, Edmond, Guthrie, Midwest City, Muskogee, Norman, Oklahoma City, Shawnee and Tulsa.

Mediation Activity Reported by Court Certified Mediators Since SB1X: 7/1/05 - 12/31/07			
Period	Mediation Conferences Reported	Settlements Resulting from Mediation	Percentage of Settlements
7/1/05 - 12/31/06	206	190	92.20%
CY 2007	481	440	91.50%

Since SB1X, mediation has occurred pursuant to court order and by agreement of the parties. From July 1, 2005 when the CMS became effective, through December 31, 2006, court certified mediators reported that 206 mediation conferences were conducted and resulted in 190 settlements. For CY2007, court certified mediators reported that 481 mediation conferences resulted in 440 settlements.



The Court entered 5 orders for mediation in CY2005 after enactment of SB1X, 132 in CY2006 and 634 in CY2007. Comparatively, during the six-year period before SB1X, only 60 inquiries regarding mediation were processed by the Court's Counselor Department.

Judicial Settlement Conferences

The Legislature authorized informal dispute resolution through settlement conferences conducted by a judge other than the assigned trial judge beginning October 23, 2001. A judicial settlement conference may be requested by a party or may be set by the Court on its own motion. The purpose of the judicial settlement conference is to permit an informal discussion between the parties, attorneys, if any, and the settlement judge on every aspect of the case bearing on its settlement value in an effort to resolve the matter before trial. The conference can come before or after a request for trial. The settlement conference can result in voluntary agreement that fully resolves the claim or disputed issues.

The Court set 72 judicial settlement conferences in calendar year 2007, up from 50 in calendar year 2006.

Prehearing Conferences

Prehearing conferences are informal meetings between the parties and a judge to address a wide variety of issues ranging from determination of death benefits in an admitted claim to questions of jurisdiction. There is no sworn testimony or cross examination of witnesses, and, unless requested, no formal transcript of the meeting. The conference may be used to discuss settlement of the case or issues related to the case, or to determine issues in dispute. It gives the parties a chance to meet in the presence of the judge, to exchange information, to define issues, and to resolve disputes voluntarily or with judicial assistance. A prehearing conference also may be used in the formal hearing context to dispose of procedural matters, including discovery issues, in anticipation of trial.

Use of prehearing conferences increased from 8,663 in 1992 to 35,943 in 2007. To address the volume of these informal conferences, most judges have up to 25 prehearing conferences docketed daily four days per week, with Fridays being reserved for three-judge appellate panels. Each judge also has a daily trial docket Monday through Thursday of 15 to 20 cases.

Temporary Issue Docket

The temporary issue docket (TID) provides the parties an opportunity to meet informally to resolve medical treatment and temporary disability issues or to schedule a hearing with a judge. Early resolution of these matters can reduce litigation by promoting maximum medical improvement and return to work. In calendar year 2007, the time from filing to TID was 3 weeks, with hearing dates immediately thereafter or at a later time as necessary for discovery.

Administrative Review of Disputed Medical Charges

Two administrative processes were created by the Court to help resolve charge disputes between medical/rehabilitation providers and insurers, without the need for trial.

The Form 18 process permits the Administrator to address conflicting interpretations of the workers' compensation fee schedule. The determinations are made based on written submissions by the parties. Outcomes include voluntary agreement or administrative order allowing or denying all, or a portion of, the disputed charges.

The Form 19 process pertains to all other medical/rehabilitation charge disputes. It may involve a trial before a judge if the parties are unable to voluntarily resolve the controversy. Docket office staff record the disposition of the Form 19 disputes. In calendar year 2007, 465 out of 1,461 cases set for Form 19 meeting were announced "resolved" or resulted in an agreed order. In other words, roughly 32% of all cases set for Form 19 meeting were disposed of by voluntary agreement. An additional 7% (109 of 1,461) were stricken from consideration because the providers elected not to pursue the matter. This election may reflect payment or other satisfactory disposition of the charge dispute outside the Court's processes.

Section XIII - Departmental Activity

Departmental Activity

Counselor Department

The Counselor Department was created in 1994 and previously was known as the Ombudsman Office. The department is the Court's primary information unit and focuses much of its efforts on dispute prevention. Its responsibilities include assisting employers, insurers, health care providers, injured workers and dependents of injured workers, providing educational materials and information on rights, benefits and obligations under the law, answering questions about the workers' compensation system, supporting a toll-free information line, and processing applications to serve as a mediator for the Court's mediation system. In addition, counselors work cooperatively with the Oklahoma Attorney General's Workers' Compensation Fraud Unit, and with the Worker Safety Policy Council, Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education, and Oklahoma Employment Security Commission to provide educational programs on workers' compensation for business and labor interests across the state.

Details about the department's activities are set out more fully in the "Dispute Prevention" section of this Annual Report.

Office of the Court Clerk

The Office of the Court Clerk receives court filings, certifies documents, prepares and transmits records on appeal, accepts appeal bonds, serves as the Court's records custodian, and manages the Court's records retention schedule. In calendar year 2007, the office certified 1,500 documents from court claims files, processed 83 appeal bonds for appeals to the Oklahoma Supreme Court, and prepared and transmitted 191 records on appeal to the Supreme Court.

Data Processing/Management Information Services Department

The Data Processing/Management Information Services Department is responsible for the computer network, programs, and databases of the Court, including databases related to claims filings since 1989 and workers' compensation insurance coverage information. The department assists other court departments in meeting their goals through the use of technology, maintains the Court's web site and supports the Workers' Compensation Court Information System (WCIS). WCIS is the backbone of the Court's case and system management applications. All aspects of the Court's operations, including the processing of injury, claims and insurance information, docketing, order processing, fee collection, and public access to data on case activity, are supported by WCIS. Additional enhancements to WCIS are planned, subject to budgetary limitations.

Docket Office

The Docket Office docket matters for hearings, notifies parties of hearing dates, and manages administrative dockets designed to resolve certain disputes without the need for trial. In 2007,

the office set 68,665 hearings, up from 66,512 in 2006. Hearings set were for both informal and formal dispute resolution proceedings involving a judge.

Statistics on the length between a request for hearing and the actual hearing date are used to gauge how effectively the Court is meeting its responsibility for timely resolution of cases. In 2007, the average time-to-hearing benchmarks were: **temporary issue scheduling dockets**, 3 weeks, with hearing dates immediately thereafter or at a later time as necessary for discovery; **prehearing conferences**, 5 weeks; **permanent partial disability**, 8 weeks; and **three-judge panel appeals**, 12 weeks.

The most dramatic development over time has been a reduction in the amount of time parties must wait for a hearing. The greatest drop in time-to-hearing was for hearings on permanent disability issues. Those issues constitute the largest single category of cases which are resolved by the Court. The time-to-hearing for permanent disability issues dropped from an average of 9 months (36 weeks) in 1992 to an average of 8 weeks in 2007.

Form 3 Processing Department

The Form 3 Processing Department processes initial and amended claims for compensation, and orders entered into by mutual agreement of the parties. The department creates court files, verifies the existence of any insurance coverage for the claim, enters data into the Court’s information system (WCIS), and mails information to the parties. In 2007, the department processed 19,226 claims for compensation, including amended claims for compensation.

Insurance

The Insurance Department, with the Court Administrator’s supervision, regulates employers which self-insure either as an individual self-insurer or as part of an approved group association. The department also regulates third party administrators, maintains a workers’

Individual Self-Insured Employers By Major Industrial Division: CY2007	
Manufacturing	72
Services	47
Public Sector	33
Transportation	20
Retail	17
Mining	9
Construction	8
Public Utilities	4
Wholesale	4
Financial, Insurance & Real Estate	3
Farming	3
Total	220

compensation insurance database for the state covering more than 189,000 employers, and maintains a database of service agents designated by each workers’ compensation payor. The department works cooperatively with the Oklahoma Department of Labor to enforce laws regarding workers’ compensation coverage. Employers which fail to secure their workers’ compensation obligations are subject to criminal sanctions, and civil penalties imposed by the Commissioner of Labor.

Effective February 1, 2007, insurers writing workers’ compensation insurance in Oklahoma were given the option of electing to use the National Council on Compensation Insurance

(NCCI) proof of coverage (POC) information system to satisfy certain statutory filing requirements with the Court. The department processed in excess of 160,000 certificates of insurance coverage, cancellations, reinstatements and notices of amended coverage in 2007.

In 2007, the department evaluated 340 applications to self-insure or serve as third party administrator.

The Court regulated 220 individual self-insured employers in 2007, approximately 33% of which are in the manufacturing sector. Combined, individual self-insured employers covered about 231,000 employees and had a combined gross payroll of over \$8 Billion Dollars.

Self-Insurance Status By Calendar Year: CY2003 - CY2007			
Year	# of Self-Insurers	# of Employees Covered	Gross Payroll
2007	220	231,236	\$8,036,874,820
2006	217	220,482	\$8,549,191,380
2005	229	230,141	\$8,017,178,092
2004	228	230,216	\$7,562,103,292
2003	228	230,637	\$7,621,936,622

In 2007, eight group self-insurance associations, covering 1,031 member employers, were regulated by the Court. The number of groups has remained constant for at least five years.

Group Self Insurance Association Status by Calendar Year: CY2003 - CY2007			
Year	# of Groups	# of Group Members	Total Standard Premium
2007	8	1,031	\$33,876,183
2006	8	1,037	\$35,058,286
2005	8	1,046	\$34,640,328
2004	8	1,055	\$31,603,663
2003	8	1,026	\$27,805,630

Medical Services Division

The Medical Services Division was created in 1994 to perform duties associated with medical matters over which the Court has responsibility. The duties of the division are divided into four broad categories: administering the independent medical examiner and case manager programs, producing orders appointing providers as directed by the Court, revising and maintaining the schedule of medical and hospital fees as directed by the Court Administrator, and providing support services to the Physician Advisory Committee in the performance of its duties as prescribed by law. The division also responds to inquiries related to medical issues and participates in educational programs specific to the health care community.

In 2007, the division processed 183 physician applications for participation in the independent medical examiner system, processed 8 applications for participation in the case manager system, and prepared a total of 1,344 orders appointing independent medical examiners, medical case managers, and vocational rehabilitation experts as directed by the Court. The orders were prepared by order clerks at the Oklahoma City and Tulsa court locations.

Order Processing Department

The Order Processing Department produces orders as directed by the judges and processes them for mailing to the parties. In 2007, the average time for the department to prepare and process orders requested by the judges was 2 days.

Section XIV - Fiscal Year Expenditures

Fiscal Year Expenditures: 7/1/06 - 6/30/07

Personal Services (salary and benefits, payroll taxes, insurance and professional services).....	\$5,622,000
Travel	\$99,000
Equipment	\$98,000
Other Operating Expenses.....	\$621,000
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TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$6,440,000

Section XV - Legislative Activity

Legislative Activity

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Disclaimer: The purpose of this section is to provide a summary of legislative activity during the 1st Regular Session of the 51st Oklahoma Legislature (2007) relevant to the workers' compensation system. It is for informational purposes only and does not represent the views of the Workers' Compensation Court, its judges or Court Administrator. It is not intended to replace any official source. Do not rely solely on this information if it might affect your legal rights. Please refer to the printed version of the appropriate official publication or contact legal counsel of your choice. To see the full text of the enacted legislation, go to the "Enrolled Legislation" link on the "Executive Legislative" page on the Secretary of State's web site at: <http://www.sos.state.ok.us>.

SB 809

Expands the composition of the Worker Safety Policy Council from eighteen to nineteen members. The additional member is a representative from the Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education, appointed by and serving at the pleasure of the Commissioner of Labor. The measure became effective November 1, 2007. Amends 40 O.S., §418.2.

SB 943

Modifies the procedure for perfecting a child support lien in the Workers' Compensation Court. Establishes an insurance proceeds intercept system for purposes of child support enforcement. The measure became effective November 1, 2007. Amends 43 O.S., §135. Codifies 56 O.S., §237B.

SB 1076

Modifies the Multiple Injury Trust Fund assessment rebate amount which may be forfeited for untimely applications for rebate. The measure became effective November 1, 2007. Amends 68 O.S., §6101.

House Interim Study Proposal 07-25

The proposal involved suggestions on how to improve Oklahoma's workers' compensation system, including abandoning the current system in favor of an administrative system. The study request was heard by the House Economic Development and Financial Services Committee on October 23, 2007 in anticipation of the 2008 legislative session.

**Section XVI - Boards, Committees
and Councils**

Boards, Committees and Councils

Individual Self-Insured Guaranty Fund Board 85 O.S., Section 66.1

The Individual Self-Insured Guaranty Fund Board is composed of from three to nine members appointed by the Court Administrator. Each member is from an employer approved by the Administrator as an own-risk employer. The Board manages the Individual Self-Insured Guaranty Fund (Fund). The Fund is used to pay the workers' compensation obligations of an approved own-risk employer that is unable to pay a workers' compensation award. Deposits to the Fund are from a tax assessed against each own-risk employer at the rate of one percent (1%) of the total compensation for permanent partial disability awards paid by the employer. The tax is assessed until the Fund contains One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000). The tax was suspended by the Court Administrator effective April 2, 2007 and will be reinstated as provided by law when the Fund balance reaches Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000).

Individual Self-Insured Guaranty Fund Board members serving in 2007:

Joseph L. McCormick, IV, Chairman
Oklahoma Natural Gas Company
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Richard Tippit
O.G.E. Energy Corporation
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Charlotte Smith
St. Francis Hospital
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Group Self-Insurance Association Guaranty Fund Board 85 O.S., Section 66.2

The Group Self-Insurance Association Guaranty Fund Board is composed of from three to nine members appointed by the Court Administrator. Each member is the administrator of a group self-insurance association approved by the Administrator to self-insure. The Board manages the Group Self-Insurance Association Guaranty Fund (Fund). The Fund is used to pay the workers' compensation obligations of an approved association that is unable to pay a workers' compensation award. Deposits to the Fund are from a tax assessed against each association at the rate of one percent (1%) of the total compensation for permanent partial disability awards paid by the association. The tax is assessed until the Fund contains One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000). The tax was suspended by the Court Administrator effective September 6, 1996 and will be reinstated as provided by law when the Fund balance reaches Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000).

Group Self-Insurance Association Guaranty Fund Board members serving in 2007:

Gaylon Stacy, Chairman
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Jim Smelser
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Chris Sturm
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Larry Watkins
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Cindy Compton
Harrah, Oklahoma
Succeeding Gaylon Stacy

**Physician Advisory Committee
85 O.S., Section 201.1**

The Physician Advisory Committee was created by the Legislature in 1993 to assist the Court and Court Administrator by providing information on various medical related matters, including utilization review, abusive practices by health care providers, methods for evaluating permanent impairment, treatment guidelines and utilization controls. The committee is composed of nine members, with three members each being appointed by the Governor, President Pro-Tempore of the Senate, and Speaker of the House of Representatives. The appointments are from designated medical specialties and congressional districts. The committee is assisted by court staff. In 2007, the committee recommended and the Court Administrator approved various medical guidelines described more fully in the "Activities in 2007" portion of this Annual Report. The committee met six times and held two public hearings during the calendar year. Annual reports of the committee are available from the Court.

Physician Advisory Committee members serving in 2007:

Leroy E. Young, D.O., Chairman
Oklahoma City

Scott A. Mitchell, D.O.
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Robert L. Remondino, M.D., Vice Chair
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

John L. Munneke, M.D.
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Thomas Henry, D.P.M.
Shawnee, Oklahoma

C. Keith Muse, D.C.
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

William R. Gillock, D.O.
Tulsa, Oklahoma

G. Keith Smith, M.D.
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Duane G. Koehler, D.O.
Miami, Oklahoma

Reed Burk, D.P.M.
Ponca City, Oklahoma

Advisory Council on Workers' Compensation 85 O.S., Section 112

The Advisory Council on Workers' Compensation was created by the Legislature in 1990 to analyze and review the workers' compensation system, reports of the Court Administrator, and workers' compensation trends. The council may recommend improvements and proper responses to developing trends, and consult with the Court on oversight of independent medical examiners. The council is composed of nine members, with three members each being appointed by the Governor, President Pro-Tempore of the Senate, and Speaker of the House of Representatives. The Court's presiding judge and administrator serve as ex-officio nonvoting members. The Governor's appointees represent employers, one of whom must be from a list of nominees provided by the predominant statewide broad-based business organization. The President Pro Tempore's appointees are attorneys representing the legal profession in this state, one of whom practices primarily in the area of defense of workers' compensation claims. The Speaker's appointees represent employees, one of whom shall be from a list of nominees provided by the most representative labor organization in the state. The council is assisted by court staff and met five times during the calendar year. Annual reports of the council are available from the Court.

Advisory Council on Workers' Compensation members serving in 2007:

Rick Hensley, Chairman
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Bob Burke
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Jim Curry
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Philip Redwine
Norman, Oklahoma

Blake Virgin
Norman, Oklahoma

Howard Klubeck
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dan Caldwell
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dan Simmons
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Mark Bledsoe
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Michael Carter
Norman, Oklahoma
Succeeding Dan Caldwell

Mary A. Black, Presiding Judge
Ex-officio Nonvoting Member

Marcia Davis, Court Administrator
Ex-officio Nonvoting Member

Worker Safety Policy Council 40 O.S., Section 418.2

The Worker Safety Policy Council was created by the Legislature in 1993 to study and formulate reforms for worker safety that could result in lower work-related injuries and in lower

workers' compensation costs for business. Effective November 1, 2007, the council is composed of nineteen members. They are four legislators (two Senators appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and two Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives), ten representatives from various groups identified by statute who are appointed by the Commissioner of Labor to serve at the Commissioner's pleasure, and five state public officers or their designee. The state public officers are the Commissioner of Labor, Workers' Compensation Court Administrator, CompSource Oklahoma President and Chief Executive Officer, Insurance Commissioner, and Director of the Department of Commerce. The Commissioner of Labor is the chair for the council. The list of council members serving in calendar year 2007, and annual reports of the council, may be obtained from the Oklahoma Department of Labor, 4001 N. Lincoln Boulevard, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105, or by telephone at 405-528-1500.

Section XVII - Miscellaneous

History of Judicial Appointments Oklahoma Workers' Compensation Court

Year	Judge's Name	Position	Duration of Term ¹	Governor Appointing
1955	Marx Childers	Chairman	See 85 O.S. Supp. 1955, §69.1	Murray
	D.H. Cotten	Judge		Murray
	Hubert Hargrave	Judge		Murray
	Mildred Brooks Fitch	Judge		Murray
	Jess B. Harper	Judge		Murray
1956	Same as 1955			
1957	Marx Childers	Chairman	See 85 O.S. Supp. 1955, §69.1 1957 - 1963	
	D.H. Cotten	Judge		
	Hubert Hargrave	Judge		
	Mildred Brooks Fitch	Judge		
	Jean R. Reed	Judge		
1958	Same as 1957			
1959	Marx Childers	Chairman	See 85 O.S. Supp. 1955, §69.1	
	D.H. Cotten	Judge		
	Hubert Hargrave	Judge		
	Mildred Brooks Fitch	Judge		
	Jean R. Reed	Judge		
1960	Harley Venters	Presiding Judge	1960 - 1961	Edmondson
	Marx Childers	Judge		
	D.H. Cotten	Judge		
	Jean R. Reed	Judge		
	Hubert Hargrave	Judge		
1961	Clint G. Livingston	Presiding Judge	1961 - 1962	Edmondson
	Jean R. Reed	Judge		
	Toby Morris	Judge	1961 - 1963 1961 - 1967 1961 - 1965	Edmondson
	J. Clark Russell	Judge		Edmondson
	Silas C. Wolf	Judge		Edmondson
1962	Jim Ed Douglas	Presiding Judge	1962 - 1963	Edmondson
	Jean R. Reed	Judge		
	Toby Morris	Judge		
	J. Clark Russell	Judge		
	Silas C. Wolf	Judge		

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Year	Judge's Name	Position	Duration of Term ¹	Governor Appointing
1963	Harry V. Rouse	Presiding Judge	1963 - 1965	Bellmon
	J. Clark Russell	Judge		
	Silas C. Wolf	Judge		
	A.R. Swank, Jr.	Judge	1963 - 1969	
	Keith Cooper	Judge	1963 - 1967	
1964	Same as 1963			
1965	A.R. Swank, Jr.	Presiding Judge	1965 - 1971	Bellmon - reappointment
	J. Clark Russell	Judge		
	Silas C. Wolf	Judge		
	Keith Cooper	Judge	1965 - 1971	
	A.L. Voth	Judge		
1966	Same as 1965			
1967	A.R. Swank, Jr.	Presiding Judge	1967 - 1973	Bartlett - reappointment
	Silas C. Wolf	Judge		
	Keith Cooper	Judge		
	A.L. Voth	Judge	1967 - 1973	
	Bruce Evans	Judge		
1968	Same as 1967			
1969	A.R. Swank, Jr.	Presiding Judge	1969 - 1975	Bartlett - reappointment
	Silas C. Wolf	Judge		
	Keith Cooper	Judge		
	A.L. Voth	Judge		
	Bruce Evans	Judge		
1970	Same as 1967			
1971	Silas C. Wolf	Presiding Judge	1971 - 1977	Hall - reappointment
	A.R. Swank, Jr.	Judge		
	Keith Cooper	Judge		
	A.L. Voth	Judge	1971 - 1977	Hall - reappointment
	Bruce Evans	Judge		
1972	Same as 1971			

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Year	Judge's Name	Position	Duration of Term ¹	Governor Appointing
1973	Silas C. Wolf	Presiding Judge		
	A.R. Swank, Jr.	Judge		
	A.L. Voth	Judge		
	Yvonne Sparger	Judge	1973 - 1979	Hall
	Thomas Gudgel, Jr.	Judge	1973 - 1977	Hall
1974	Same as 1973			
1975	Silas C. Wolf	Presiding Judge		
	A.L. Voth	Judge		
	Yvonne Sparger	Judge		
	Thomas Gudgel, Jr.	Judge		
	James Fullerton	Judge	1975 - 1981	Boren
1976	Same as 1975			
1977	Marian P. Opala	Presiding Judge	1977 - 1983	Boren
	Yvonne Sparger	Judge		
	James Fullerton	Judge		
	Charles L. Cashion	Judge	1977 - 1978	Boren
	Chris Sturm	Judge	1977 - 1980	Boren
1978	Chris Sturm	Presiding Judge (6)		
	Marian P. Opala	Position 1		
	Charles L. Cashion	Position 2	1978 - 1984	Boren - reappointment
	Mary E. Cox	Position 3	1978 - 1984	Boren
	Patrick C. Ryan	Position 4	1978 - 1982	Boren
	James Fullerton	Position 5		
	Yvonne Sparger	Position 7		
1979	Patrick C. Ryan	Presiding Judge (4)		
	Marian P. Opala	Position 1		
	Bill V. Cross	Position 1	1979 - 1984	Nigh
	Charles L. Cashion	Position 2		
	Mary E. Cox	Position 3		
	James Fullerton	Position 4		
	Chris Sturm	Position 5	1979 - 1980	Nigh
	Dick Lynn	Position 7	1979 - 1980	Nigh

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Year	Judge's Name	Position	Duration of Term ¹	Governor Appointing
1980	Patrick C. Ryan	Presiding Judge (4)		
	Bill V. Cross	Position 1		
	Charles L. Cashion	Position 2		
	Mary E. Cox	Position 3		
	James Fullerton	Position 4		
	Chris Sturm	Position 5	1980 - 1986	Nigh - reappointment
	Dick Lynn	Position 7	1980 - 1986	Nigh - reappointment
1981	Patrick C. Ryan	Presiding Judge (4)		
	Bill V. Cross	Position 1		
	Charles L. Cashion	Position 2		
	Mary E. Cox	Position 3		
	Larry Brawner	Position 5	1981 - 1982	Nigh
	Victor R. Seagle	Position 6	1981 - 1986	Nigh
1982	Patrick C. Ryan	Presiding Judge (4)	1982 - 1988	Nigh - reappointment
	Bill V. Cross	Position 1		
	Charles L. Cashion	Position 2		
	Mary E. Cox	Position 3		
	Larry Brawner	Position 5		
	G. Dan Rambo	Position 5	1982 - 1984	Nigh
	Victor R. Seagle	Position 6		
	Dick Lynn	Position 7		
Clint G. Livingston	Position 8	1982 - 1988	Nigh	
1983	Patrick C. Ryan	Presiding Judge (4)		
	Bill V. Cross	Position 1		
	Charles L. Cashion	Position 2		
	Mary E. Cox	Position 3		
	G. Dan Rambo	Position 5		
	Victor R. Seagle	Position 6		
	Dick Lynn	Position 7		
	Clint G. Livingston	Position 8		
1984	Charles L. Cashion	Presiding Judge (2)		Nigh - reappointment
	Bill V. Cross	Position 1	1984 - 1990	Nigh - reappointment
	Gary Sleeper	Position 3	1984 - 1988	Nigh
	Patrick C. Ryan	Position 4		
	Jacque J. Brawner	Position 5	1984 - 1988	Nigh
	Victor R. Seagle	Position 6		
	Dick Lynn	Position 7		
	Clint G. Livingston	Position 8		

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Year	Judge's Name	Position	Duration of Term ¹	Governor Appointing
1985	Charles L. Cashion	Presiding Judge (2)		
	Bill V. Cross	Position 1		
	Gary Sleeper	Position 3		
	Patricia Demps	Position 4	1985 - 1986	Nigh
	Jacque J. Brawner	Position 5		
	Victor R. Seagle	Position 6		
	Dick Lynn	Position 7		
	Clint G. Livingston	Position 8		
	Kay K. Kennedy	Position 9	1985 - 1988	Nigh
1986	Charles L. Cashion	Presiding Judge (2)		
	Bill V. Cross	Position 1		
	Gary Sleeper	Position 3		
	Patricia Demps	Position 4		
	J. Michael Mancillas	Position 4	1986 - 1988	Nigh
	Jacque J. Brawner	Position 5		
	Victor R. Seagle	Position 6	1986 - 1992	Nigh - reappointment
	Dick Lynn	Position 7	1986 - 1992	Nigh - reappointment
	Clint G. Livingston	Position 8		
Kay K. Kennedy	Position 9			
1987	Charles L. Cashion	Presiding Judge (2)		
	Bill V. Cross	Position 1		
	Gary Sleeper	Position 3		
	J. Michael Mancillas	Position 4		
	Jacque J. Brawner	Position 5		
	Victor R. Seagle	Position 6		
	Dick Lynn	Position 7		
	Clint G. Livingston	Position 8		
	Kay K. Kennedy	Position 9		
1988	Charles L. Cashion	Presiding Judge (2)		
	Bill V. Cross	Position 1		
	Sam Townley	Position 3	1988 - 1990	Bellmon
	Ben P. Choate, Jr.	Position 4	1988 - 1994	Bellmon
	Jerry L. Salyer	Position 5	1988 - 1994	Bellmon
	Victor R. Seagle	Position 6		
	Dick Lynn	Position 7		
	Noma D. Gurich	Position 8	1988 - 1994	Bellmon
	Ozella M. Willis	Position 9	1988 - 1994	Bellmon

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Year	Judge's Name	Position	Duration of Term ¹	Governor Appointing
1989	Noma D. Gurich	Presiding Judge (8)	1989 - 1990	Bellmon
	Bill V. Cross	Position 1		
	Charles L. Cashion	Position 2		
	Louis G. Buchanan	Position 2		
	Sam Townley	Position 3		
	Ben P. Choate, Jr.	Position 4		
	Jerry L. Salyer	Position 5		
	Victor Seagle	Position 6		
	Dick Lynn	Position 7		
Ozella M. Willis	Position 9			
1990	Noma D. Gurich	Presiding Judge (8)	1990 - 1996	Bellmon Bellmon - reappointment Bellmon
	Kimberly E. West	Position 1		
	Louis G. Buchanan	Position 2		
	Terry A. Pendell	Position 3		
	Ben P. Choate, Jr.	Position 4		
	Jerry L. Salyer	Position 5		
	Victor Seagle	Position 6		
	Dick Lynn	Position 7		
	Ozella M. Willis	Position 9		
1991	Noma D. Gurich	Presiding Judge (8)	1991 - 1992	Walters
	Kimberly E. West	Position 1		
	Louis G. Buchanan	Position 2		
	Terry A. Pendell	Position 3		
	Ben P. Choate, Jr.	Position 4		
	Jerry L. Salyer	Position 5		
	Victor Seagle	Position 6		
	James S. Porter	Position 6		
	Dick Lynn	Position 7		
Ozella M. Willis	Position 9			
1992	Noma D. Gurich	Presiding Judge (8)	1992 - 1998	Walters - reappointment Walters - reappointment
	Kimberly E. West	Position 1		
	Louis G. Buchanan	Position 2		
	Terry A. Pendell	Position 3		
	Ben P. Choate, Jr.	Position 4		
	Jerry L. Salyer	Position 5		
	James S. Porter	Position 6		
	Dick Lynn	Position 7		
	Ozella M. Willis	Position 9		

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Year	Judge's Name	Position	Duration of Term ¹	Governor Appointing
1993	Jerry L. Salyer	Presiding Judge (5)		
	Kimberly E. West	Position 1		
	Louis G. Buchanan	Position 2		
	Terry A. Pendell	Position 3		
	Ben P. Choate, Jr.	Position 4		
	James S. Porter	Position 6		
	Dick Lynn	Position 7		
	Noma D. Gurich	Position 8		
	Ozella M. Willis	Position 9		
1994	Jerry L. Salyer	Presiding Judge (5)	1994 - 2000	Walters - reappointment
	Kimberly E. West	Position 1		
	Louis G. Buchanan	Position 2		
	Terry A. Pendell	Position 3		
	Ben P. Choate, Jr.	Position 4		
	Susan Witt Conyers	Position 4	1994 - 2000	Walters
	James S. Porter	Position 6		
	Dick Lynn	Position 7		
	Noma D. Gurich	Position 8	1994 - 2000	Walters - reappointment
	Ozella M. Willis	Position 9	1994 - 2000	Walters - reappointment
Mary A. Black	Position 10	1994 - 1996	Walters	
1995	Susan Witt Conyers	Presiding Judge (4)		
	Kimberly E. West	Position 1		
	Louis G. Buchanan	Position 2		
	Terry A. Pendell	Position 3		
	Jerry L. Salyer	Position 5		
	James S. Porter	Position 6		
	Dick Lynn	Position 7		
	Noma D. Gurich	Position 8		
	Ozella M. Willis	Position 9		
	Mary A. Black	Position 10		

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Year	Judge's Name	Position	Duration of Term ¹	Governor Appointing
1996	Susan Witt Conyers	Presiding Judge (4)		
	Kimberly E. West	Position 1		
	Louis G. Buchanan	Position 2		
	Terry A. Pendell	Position 3		
	Jerry L. Salyer	Position 5		
	James S. Porter	Position 6		
	Dick Lynn	Position 7		
	Noma D. Gurich	Position 8		
	Ozella M. Willis	Position 9		
	Mary A. Black	Position 10		
	Ellen C. Edwards	Position 1	1996 - 2002	Keating
	Richard L. Blanchard	Position 2	1996 - 2002	Keating
	Richard G. Mason	Position 3	1996 - 2002	Keating
Jim D. Filosa	Position 7	1996 - 1998	Keating	
Kenton W. Fulton	Position 10	1996 - 2002	Keating	
1997	Richard G. Mason	Presiding Judge (3)		
	Ellen C. Edwards	Position 1		
	Richard L. Blanchard	Position 2		
	Susan W. Conyers	Position 4		
	Jerry L. Salyer	Position 5		
	James S. Porter	Position 6		
	Jim D. Filosa	Position 7		
	Noma D. Gurich	Position 8		
	Ozella M. Willis	Position 9		
	Kenton W. Fulton	Position 10		
1998	Richard G. Mason	Presiding Judge (3)		
	Ellen C. Edwards	Position 1		
	Richard L. Blanchard	Position 2		
	Susan W. Conyers	Position 4		
	Jerry L. Salyer	Position 5		
	James S. Porter	Position 6		
	Jim D. Filosa	Position 7	1998 - 2004	Keating - reappointment
	Noma D. Gurich	Position 8		
	Ozella M. Willis	Position 9		
	Kenton W. Fulton	Position 10		
D. Craig Johnston	Position 6	1998 - 2004	Keating	
Gene Prigmore	Position 8	1998 - 2000	Keating	

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Year	Judge's Name	Position	Duration of Term ¹	Governor Appointing
1999	Kenton W. Fulton	Presiding Judge (10)		
	Ellen C. Edwards	Position 1		
	Richard L. Blanchard	Position 2		
	Richard G. Mason	Position 3		
	Susan W. Conyers	Position 4		
	Jerry L. Salyer	Position 5		
	D. Craig Johnston	Position 6		
	Jim D. Filosa	Position 7		
	Gene Prigmore	Position 8		
	Ozella M. Willis	Position 9		
2000	Kenton W. Fulton	Presiding Judge (10)		
	Ellen C. Edwards	Position 1		
	Richard L. Blanchard	Position 2		
	Richard G. Mason	Position 3		
	Susan W. Conyers	Position 4	2000 - 2006	Keating - reappointment
	Jerry L. Salyer	Position 5	2000 - 2006	Keating - reappointment
	D. Craig Johnston	Position 6		
	Jim D. Filosa	Position 7		
	Gene Prigmore	Position 8	2000 - 2006	Keating - reappointment
	Ozella M. Willis	Position 9		
Cherri Farrar	Position 9	2000 - 2006	Keating	
2001	Kenton W. Fulton	Presiding Judge (10)		
	Ellen C. Edwards	Position 1		
	Richard L. Blanchard	Position 2		
	Richard G. Mason	Position 3		
	Susan W. Conyers	Position 4		
	Jerry L. Salyer	Position 5		
	D. Craig Johnston	Position 6		
	Jim D. Filosa	Position 7		
	Gene Prigmore	Position 8		
	Cherri Farrar	Position 9		
2002	Kenton W. Fulton	Presiding Judge (10)	2002 - 2008	Keating - reappointment
	Ellen C. Edwards	Position 1	2002 - 2008	Keating - reappointment
	Richard L. Blanchard	Position 2	2002 - 2008	Keating - reappointment
	Richard G. Mason	Position 3	2002 - 2008	Keating - reappointment
	Susan W. Conyers	Position 4		
	Jerry L. Salyer	Position 5		
	D. Craig Johnston	Position 6		
	Jim D. Filosa	Position 7		
	Gene Prigmore	Position 8		
	Cherri Farrar	Position 9		

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Year	Judge's Name	Position	Duration of Term ¹	Governor Appointing
2003	Richard L. Blanchard	Presiding Judge (2)		
	Ellen C. Edwards	Position 1		
	Richard G. Mason	Position 3		
	Susan W. Conyers	Position 4		
	Jerry L. Salyer	Position 5		
	D. Craig Johnston	Position 6		
	Jim D. Filosa	Position 7		
	Gene Prigmore	Position 8		
	Cherri Farrar	Position 9		
	Kenton W. Fulton	Position 10		
2004	Richard L. Blanchard	Presiding Judge (2)		
	Ellen C. Edwards	Position 1		
	Richard G. Mason	Position 3		
	Susan W. Conyers	Position 4		
	Jerry L. Salyer	Position 5		
	Mary A. Black	Position 6	2004 - 2010	Henry
	Tom Leonard	Position 7	2004 - 2010	Henry
	Gene Prigmore	Position 8		
	Cherri Farrar	Position 9		
	Kenton W. Fulton	Position 10		
D. Craig Johnston	Position 6	1998 - 2004		
Jim D. Filosa	Position 7	1996 - 2004		
2005	Gene Prigmore	Presiding Judge (8)		
	Tom Leonard	Position 7		
	Ellen C. Edwards	Position 1		
	Richard L. Blanchard	Position 2		
	Richard G. Mason	Position 3		
	Susan W. Conyers	Position 4		
	Jerry L. Salyer	Position 5		
	Mary A. Black	Position 6		
	Cherri Farrar	Position 9		
	Kenton W. Fulton	Position 10		

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Year	Judge's Name	Position	Duration of Term ¹	Governor Appointing	
2006	Gene Prigmore	Presiding Judge (8)	2006 - 2012	Henry - reappointment	
	Tom Leonard	Position 7			
	Ellen C. Edwards	Position 1			
	Richard L. Blanchard	Position 2			
	Richard G. Mason	Position 3	1996 - 2006		
	Susan W. Conyers	Position 4	1994 - 2006		
	Jerry L. Salyer	Position 5	1988 - 2006		
	Mary A. Black	Position 6			
	Cherri Farrar	Position 9	2006 - 2012		
	Kenton W. Fulton	Position 10			
	Michael J. Harkey	Position 3	2006 - 2008		Henry
	John M. McCormick	Position 5	2006 - 2012		Henry
	Kent Eldridge	Position 4	2006 - 2012		Henry
2007	Mary A. Black	Presiding Judge (6)			
	Tom Leonard	Position 7			
	Gene Prigmore	Position 8			
	Ellen C. Edwards	Position 1			
	Richard L. Blanchard	Position 2			
	Cherri Farrar	Position 9			
	Kenton W. Fulton	Position 10			
	Michael J. Harkey	Position 3			
	John M. McCormick	Position 5			
	Kent Eldridge	Position 4			

¹ Duration of term reflects the length of appointment and may not coincide with the actual term of employment with the Court.

Workers' Compensation Court

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