

Section B: Appendices

Appendix A: Workers' Compensation Directory

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Bureau of Operations Support

2012 Capital Circle Southeast
Hartman Building, Suite 100
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0682

District Support Section

850/488-0667 SC 278-0667

Fiscal Section/Insolvency Petitions

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Self-Insurance Section

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FAX 850/487-4898

Special Disability Trust Fund Section

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850/488-8043

Bureau of Rehabilitation and Medical Services

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SC 278-2031

Penalty Section

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SC 277-4991

Wage Loss Section

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SC 278-9074

Permanent Total Section

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SC 278-9074
850/488-2204

Benefits Section

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SC 292-4477
850/414-2246

Bureau of Compliance

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HOTLINE 800/342-1741

Bureau of Information Management

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SC 278-3030

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Research Section

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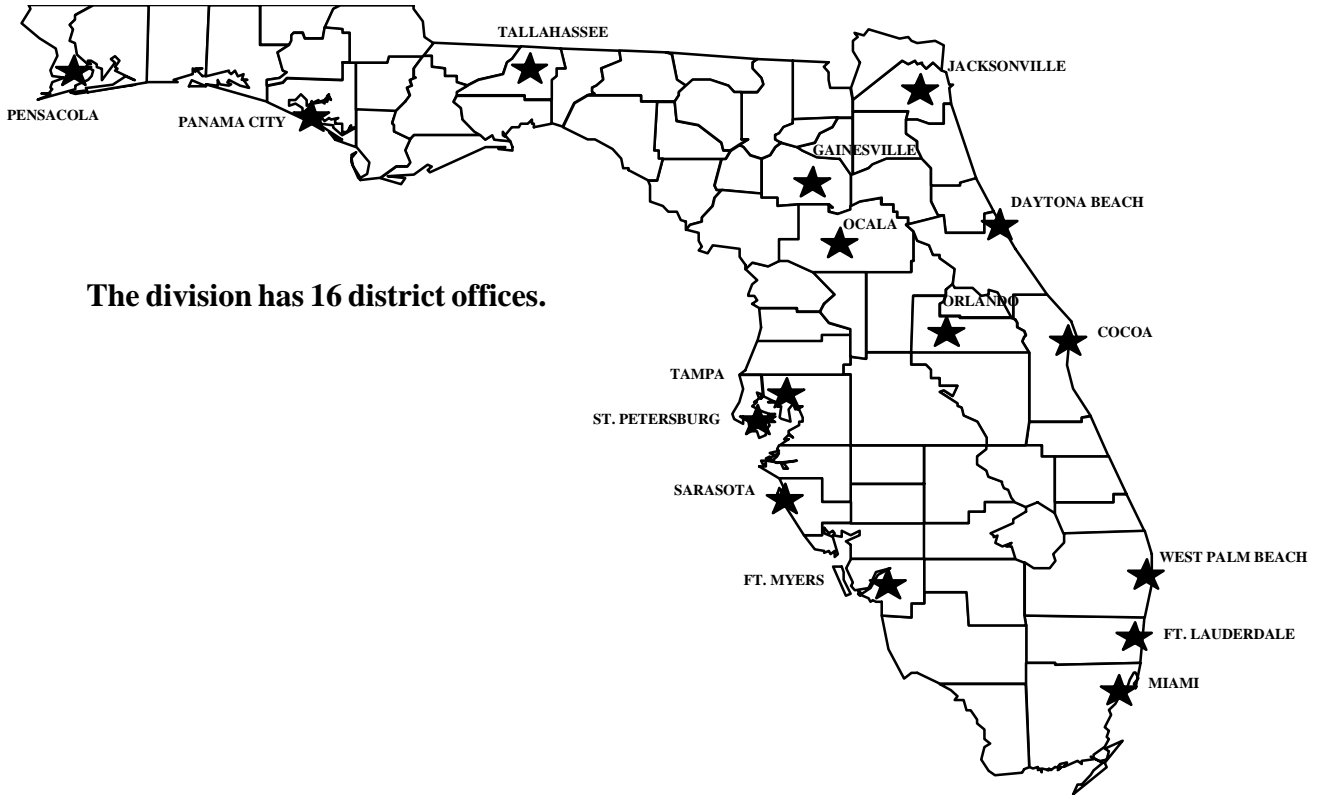
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Note: This listing is current as of November 30, 2000. Relocation within the division is anticipated. For up-to-date listings of addresses and phone numbers, please access the division's page on the Internet site:

<http://www2.myflorida.com/les/wc/>

District Offices



The division has 16 district offices.

Cocoa

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Cocoa, FL 32926

Employee Assistance Office

407/634-3596

SC 362-3596

Rehabilitation and Medical Services

407/634-3598

SC 362-3598

FAX

407/634-3599

Daytona Beach

444 Seabreeze Boulevard, Suite 460
Daytona Beach, FL 32118

Employee Assistance Office

904/238-3161 SC 380-3161

Rehabilitation and Medical Services

904/254-3761 SC 380-3761
FAX 904/254-3767

Ft. Lauderdale

1415 N.E. Sunrise Boulevard, Suite 604
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33304-2349

Compliance

954/467-4610 SC 453-4610
FAX 954/467-5916

Employee Assistance Office

954/467-4686 SC 453-4686
FAX 954/467-4358

Rehabilitation and Medical Services

954/467-4612 SC 453-4612
FAX 954/467-5916

Ft. Myers

12381 S. Cleveland Avenue, Suite 506
Ft. Myers, FL 33907-3853

Compliance

941/278-7094 SC 729-7094

Employee Assistance Office

941/278-7091 SC 729-7091

Rehabilitation and Medical Services

941/278-7092 SC 729-7092
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Gainesville

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Gainesville, FL 32609

Compliance

352/955-2018 SC 625-2018

Employee Assistance Office

352/955-2017 SC 625-2017

Rehabilitation and Medical Services

352/955-2019 SC 625-2019
FAX 352/955-2339

Jacksonville

Fuller Warren State Office Building
215 Market Street, Suite 380
Jacksonville, FL 32202

Employee Assistance Office

904/798-4372 SC 826-4372
FAX 904/798-4379

Rehabilitation and Medical Services

904/359-6101 SC 826-6101
FAX 904/359-6485

Compliance

11700 San Jose Boulevard, Suite 3
Jacksonville, FL 32223

904/448-7990 SC 880-7990
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Miami

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Miami, FL 33128

Compliance

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FAX 305/377-7239

Employee Assistance Office

305/377-5965 SC 452-5965
FAX 305/377-5625

Rehabilitation and Medical Services

305/377-5379 SC 452-5379
FAX 305/377-7199

Ocala

Employee Assistance Office

Oakbrook Professional Center
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Ocala, FL 34470

352/401-5339 SC 667-5339
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Orlando

State Regional Service Center
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Orlando, FL 32801-1781

Employee Assistance Office

407/245-0758 SC 344-0758
FAX 407/245-0891

Operations Support

407/245-0754 SC 344-0754
FAX 407/245-0891

Compliance

Suite N601

407/245-0896

SC 344-0896

FAX

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Rehabilitation and Medical Services

Suite N608

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SC 344-0895

FAX

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Panama City

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Panama City, FL 32405

Compliance

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SC 777-5676

Employee Assistance Office

850/747-5424

SC 777-5424

Rehabilitation and Medical Services

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SC 777-5675

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Pensacola

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SC 690-7110

Employee Assistance Office

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SC 690-7111

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SC 690-7101

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Compliance

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Rehabilitation and Medical Services

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Compliance

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Employee Assistance Office

813/930-7821 SC 593-7821

Rehabilitation and Medical Services

813/930-7546 SC 593-7546
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Compliance

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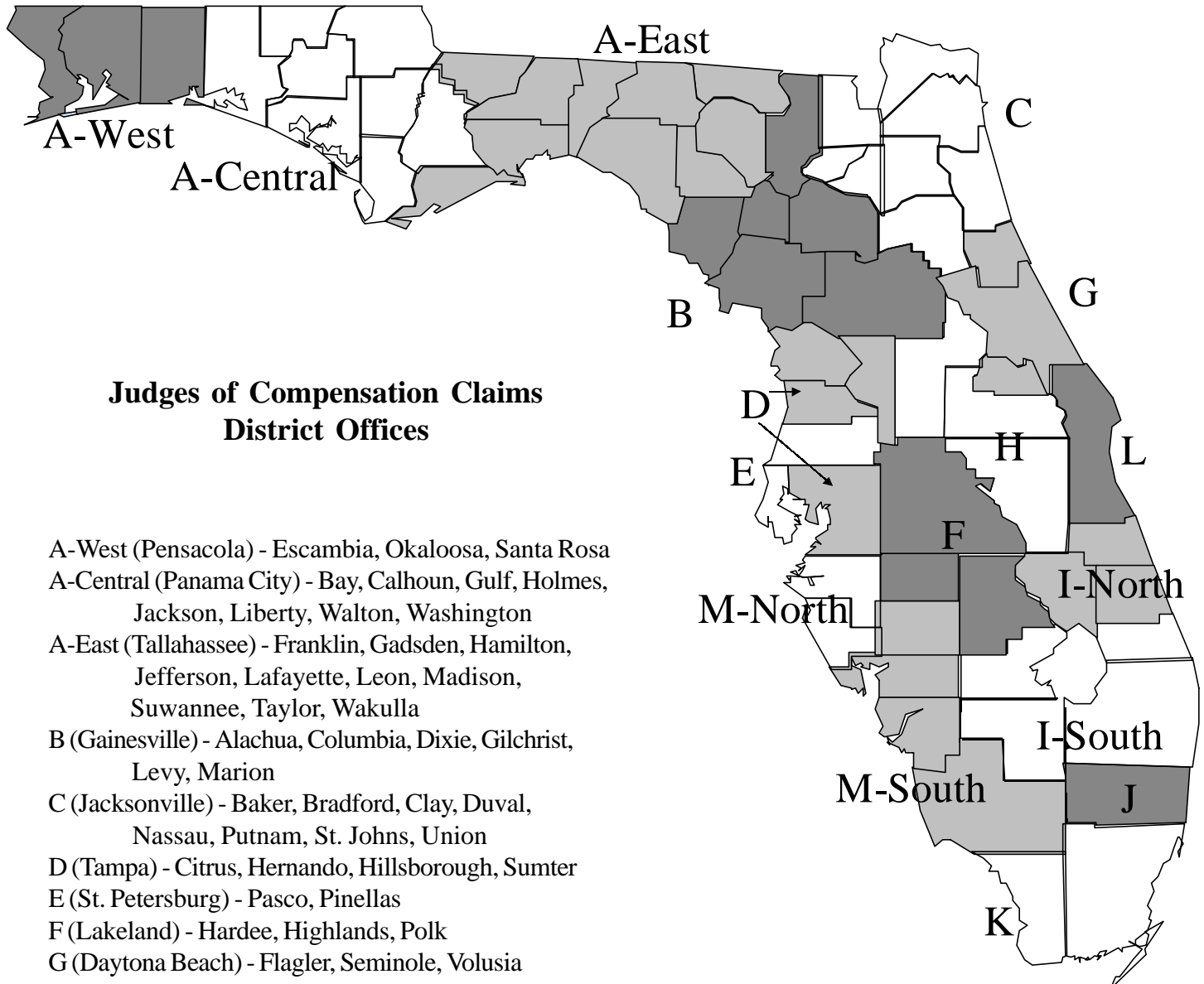
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**Judges of Compensation Claims
District Offices**

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- A-Central (Panama City) - Bay, Calhoun, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson, Liberty, Walton, Washington
- A-East (Tallahassee) - Franklin, Gadsden, Hamilton, Jefferson, Lafayette, Leon, Madison, Suwannee, Taylor, Wakulla
- B (Gainesville) - Alachua, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Levy, Marion
- C (Jacksonville) - Baker, Bradford, Clay, Duval, Nassau, Putnam, St. Johns, Union
- D (Tampa) - Citrus, Hernando, Hillsborough, Sumter
- E (St. Petersburg) - Pasco, Pinellas
- F (Lakeland) - Hardee, Highlands, Polk
- G (Daytona Beach) - Flagler, Seminole, Volusia
- H (Orlando) - Lake, Orange, Osceola
- I-North (Port St. Lucie) - Indian River, Okeechobee, St. Lucie
- I-South (West Palm Beach) - Glades, Hendry, Martin, Palm Beach
- J (Ft. Lauderdale) - Broward
- K (Miami) - Dade, Monroe
- L (Satellite Beach) - Brevard
- M-North (Sarasota) - Manatee, Sarasota
- M-South (Ft. Myers) - Charlotte, Collier, DeSoto, Lee

Appendix C: Division of Workers' Compensation Customer Council and Advisory Committees

Workers' Compensation Administrative Customer Committee

Created by:

The Florida Division of Workers' Compensation

Division Coordinator:

Sissy Nogar, Bureau of Research and Education

Mission:

To improve the delivery of services to injured workers while containing costs through increased efficiency and effectiveness in the administration of benefits.

Constituents:

The Workers' Compensation Administrative Customer Council is selected to represent all major types of providers of workers' compensation coverage. Eleven of the members are premium writers (commercial carriers), three are self-insured private employers, one is a self-insured fund, and three are self-insured public employers—one each to represent state, county, and city governments.

Activities:

The Workers' Compensation Administrative Advisory Committee most recently met at the 1999 Workers' Compensation Education Conference in Orlando during a "Super Council" meeting which included all advisory committees hosted by the division. The council will be meeting again at this year's conference, with more regular meetings throughout the year.

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Special Disability Trust Fund Advisory Committee

Created by:

Legislature (section 440.49 (10), F.S.)

Division Coordinator:

Sam Brooks, Bureau of Operations Support

Mission:

To aid the Special Disability Trust Fund in formulating policies with respect to conservation of the fund.

Constituents:

This is the only customer council mandated by the Florida Statutes. The advisory committee is made up of seven members representing management, carriers, and self-insurers.

Activities:

The Special Disability Trust Fund Advisory Committee has assisted the division in planning and implementing the prospective elimination of the fund, which was mandated by the Legislature in 1997.

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Employer Advisory Committee

Created by:

The Florida Division of Workers' Compensation

Division Coordinator:

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Mission:

To support the mission of the Division of Workers' Compensation by providing both administrative and legislative recommendations, as employers, for the implementation of cost containment practices that support sound management principles through return-to-work programs, education, and other related programs. Specific goals include:

- To foster communication among Division of Workers' Compensation advisory committees and other involved parties
- To bring employers' workers' compensation concerns to the table and make recommendations to appropriate parties
- To assist the division efforts in educating employers
- To make recommendations to keep Florida competitive in attracting and retaining business

Constituents:

The fourteen members of the Employer Advisory Committee are representatives from a variety of industries with an equal distribution from different areas of the state.

Activities:

The Employer Advisory Committee participated in the plenary council meeting held in conjunction with the Florida Workers' Compensation Institute's annual conference in Orlando. At that time the recent changes to Rule Chapter 38F-6, F.A.C. were presented to the council and performance statistics were discussed.

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Employee Advisory Committee

Created by:

The Florida Division of Workers' Compensation

Division Coordinator:

Sissy Nogar, Bureau of Research and Education

Mission:

To address problems encountered by employees with the workers' compensation system, to explore ways to educate workers about the services available from the division, to seek recommendations to improve the delivery of services to injured workers, and to exchange ideas with other advisory groups to enhance the workers' compensation system.

Constituents:

The committee is comprised of four union representatives, three injured worker advocates, one vocational rehabilitation representative, and one member of the trial board.

Activities:

The Employee Advisory Committee continued efforts to improve on the delivery of services to employees. The major issues of concern during fiscal year 2000 were: abuse of the utilization review procedures; coverage fraud and the increasing number of injured workers victimized; and coercion on the part of insurance carriers to have injured workers settle their claims.

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Physician Advisory Committee

Created by:

The Florida Division of Workers' Compensation

Division Coordinator:

Sissy Nogar, Bureau of Research and Education

Mission:

To improve the quality of health care services within workers' compensation and to advise the division on issues impacting the quality of medical care.

Constituents:

The Physician Advisory Committee consists of representatives from the following medical specialty areas: Chiropractic, Orthopedic, Dental, Osteopathic, Family Practice, Occupational Medicine, and a medical care coordinator physician from a workers' compensation managed care arrangement.

Activities:

The Physician Advisory Committee meets quarterly to discuss medical issues important to the health care provider community, the industry, and the division. The chairman of the committee is Michael Webb, M.D., and the Vice Chairman is Michael Hankins, M.D. Some of the issues addressed in 1999 were:

- identification of the physician's role within managed care
- development in conjunction with the division of an educational brochure for injured employees to be made available in physicians' offices
- use of posters containing the division's toll free number to promote awareness of the division among injured employees needing assistance
- clarification to the industry that the Florida Statutes do not mandate the use of the *Florida Workers' Compensation Health Care Provider Fee For Service Reimbursement Manual* as a benchmark in reimbursement negotiations between the physician and the managed care arrangement.

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The Self-Insurance Advisory Committee is composed of seven members, two representing employers, two representing self-insured employers, one representing the city/county, one representing the Florida Self-Insured Guaranty Association, and one representing the Division of Workers' Compensation.

Mission:

To provide a forum for the division, self-insureds, and others to discuss issues to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the regulation of individual self-insureds in Florida.

Activities:

The Self-Insurance Advisory Committee met twice in fiscal year 2000. The chief focus of discussion was the number of withdrawals from self-insurance in favor of large deductible insurance policies and the effects of the withdrawals on premiums and assessments. Other issues dealt with by the committee included improvement of customer relations, timely filling of all reports, and electronic reporting.

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