

Department of Workforce Development: Worker's compensation study ranks Wisconsin 1st in low level of attorney involvement

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Study showed level of attorney involvement in WC cases in Wisconsin is roughly 13 percent, well below median of 30 percent

MADISON – Today, Department of Workforce Development (DWD) Secretary Ray Allen released the following statement regarding the Worker's Compensation Research Institute's (WCRI) new study showing that Wisconsin ranked first among the 18 states in level of attorney involvement in worker's compensation (WC) cases. The study showed that the level of attorney involvement in WC cases in Wisconsin was 13 percent, compared to 52 percent of WC cases in Illinois.

"WCRI's recent study shows that Wisconsin's Worker's Compensation (WC) program's systems and processes promote rapid resolution of disputes which leads to lower costs, quicker payment of benefits and a fair, efficient and accountable system overall," Secretary Allen said. "Not only did Wisconsin create the nation's first worker compensation program over 106 years ago, we continue to be recognized as a national leader and that is directly attributable to our system, the legislature and the staff who support it."

Wisconsin's Worker's Compensation law was signed in 1911. Under the law, both sides, employees and employers, received a benefit in exchange for a stable system. Employers received tort protection from workplace injury lawsuits and employees received no fault workplace coverage with a defined schedule of benefits if an injury resulted in lost time from

work.

For information on Wisconsin [Worker's Compensation program](#).

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