

## **Gov. Quinn appoints three arbitrators**

Governor Quinn announced the appointment of three more arbitrators.

William Gallagher has 35 years of experience as an attorney concentrating on workers' compensation in Illinois and Missouri, both in solo practice and at Nichols Law Office. He also handled workers' compensation cases as in-house counsel for Kember National Insurance Company. He holds a BA in Political Science and Economics and a JD from Southern Illinois University. His term will expire on July 1, 2013. Arb. Gallagher will handle former Arb. Tobin's call in Region 2 (Quincy, Springfield, and Urbana).

Douglas McCarthy has over 30 years of experience as an attorney concentrating on workers' compensation and Social Security disability law. He holds a BA in Communications from Illinois State University, an MA in Public Affairs Reporting from Sangamon State, and a JD from Southern. His term will expire on July 1, 2013. Arb. McCarthy will be based in Chicago and will serve at large where needed.

Brandon Zanotti represented both petitioners and respondents at Feirich/Mager/Green/Ryan. He also clerked for Judge Joseph Leberman in the First Judicial Circuit Court, and worked as a congressional clerk to Sen. Dick Durbin. He holds a BS in Finance from Southern and a JD from Washington University. His term will expire on July 1, 2012. Arb. Zanotti will handle the Chicago "TBA" call formerly handled by Arb. Dollison.

After training, the arbitrators will begin their assignments in March.

## **Arbitration coverage updates**

[Click here to view the February coverage schedule for the "TBA" Chicago call formerly handled by Downstate Arb. Dollison.](#) Present settlement contracts to the assigned arbitrator for the day; mail contracts to the Chairman's Office.

In January, Arb. Holland will handle former Arb. Tobin's Urbana call; please mail settlement contracts to Arb. Holland. In February, Arbitrator Mathis will handle former Arb. Tobin's Quincy call; please mail settlement contracts to Arb. Mathis.

Arbitrator Kane cannot attend his Feb. 3 trial date; Arb. Williams will cover for him.

For other calls, parties should always mail a settlement contract to the assigned arbitrator. In Zones 1-5, parties may present a contract in person either to the assigned arbitrator or at the assigned site. Parties must present a Zone 6 Chicago contract to the assigned arbitrator if he or she is sitting in Chicago. [Click here to view a map of the zones.](#) Requests for reassignment should be made to the Chairman's Office.

Effective January 1, 2012, we consolidated 23 Downstate arbitrator territories to 16, assigned three arbitrators to each hearing site, and changed our programming so that cases will be automatically continued for three months instead of two. We are all adjusting to these major changes.

If you have any questions, contact [Bertha Parker](#) (312/814-6059).