WCAB Chairwoman Ronnie Caplane to Retire from State Service

Workers’ Compensation Appeals Board (WCAB) Chairwoman Ronnie Caplane is retiring from state service at the end of the month.

Caplane was appointed commissioner in 2003 by Governor Gray Davis, reappointed in 2009 by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, and appointed Chairwoman by Governor Jerry Brown in 2011.

During her tenure on the board, the California workers’ compensation laws underwent two major reforms. The first came with SB 899 in 2004; later, as Chairwoman, she presided over the first judicial body to review cases that fell under SB 863’s landmark 2013 reforms.

“Ronnie Caplane managed WCAB through significant legislative changes, and has made valuable contributions to improving the workers’ compensation system,” said DIR Director Christine Baker.

Following retirement, she will be joining Zenith Insurance Company as a Vice President.

Please join DIR in thanking and congratulating Chairwoman Caplane.

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