

MaryAnn Whiteside

MaryAnn Whiteside has held a variety of positions during her 23 years with the State of Colorado. She retired in 2006 as Director of the Colorado Division of Workers Compensation. During her decade long tenure, loss cost ratios for workers compensation insurance consistently dropped reflecting cost reduction in claims handling; the division's medical treatment guidelines were used as models for numerous other programs and were presented at the second international congress of workplace injuries; and, the first specific hospital and facilities medical fee schedule was adopted using codes rather than per diem rates. She served on the Board of Regents for the International Association of Industrial Boards and Commissions; and, was President of the Western Association of Workers' Compensation Boards and Commissions in 2001.

Before becoming Director of the Workers Compensation Division, MaryAnn was the Director of the State Personnel Board and an administrative law judge from March 1992 to December 1996. She also served as Deputy Securities Commissioner for Colorado. In 1994 and 1995 MaryAnn was a member of the Governor's transition team supervising the merger of the Colorado Departments of Administration and Personnel.

In 1983, MaryAnn joined the Colorado Attorney General's Office and served as First Assistant Attorney General in Labor and Civil Rights, until December 1989. Among her clients were the State Personnel Board, PERA, the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment and the Colorado Civil Rights Division. MaryAnn specialized in appellate law and successfully represented Colorado, seven other states and the District of Columbia in a case before the United States Supreme Court. From 1986-1990, she served on the Colorado Supreme Court Joint Ad Hoc Committee on Appellate Rules.

She received a Bachelor's degree from Colorado State University in 1974, and received her J.D. degree from the University of Colorado Law School in 1978. She also attended Harvard University John F. Kennedy School of Government in the state and local government program.

Governor Ritter appointed MaryAnn to the State Personnel Board on August 4, 2008. Her term expires on June 30, 2013.