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TWC Welcomes Newly Appointed Commissioner Representing Employers Ruth Ruggero Hughs



TWC's new Commissioner Representing Employers Ruth Ruggero Hughs (left) is sworn into office on July 29, 2015.

AUSTIN – The Texas Workforce Commission is pleased to welcome its new Commissioner Representing Employers Ruth Ruggero Hughs of Austin. Commissioner Hughs joins the three-member Commission for a six-year term and will serve as an advocate for nearly 500,000 Texas employers and ensure that employers' concerns are considered in all Commission actions.

“I am truly honored to be given the opportunity to serve the people of Texas in this capacity,” said Commissioner Hughs. “I look forward to making a positive impact at TWC and working closely with employers to strengthen the Texas workforce.”

Commissioner Hughs serves along with fellow Commissioners: Andres Alcantar, TWC Chairman and Commissioner Representing the Public; and Ronny Congleton, Commissioner Representing Labor. Together, the commissioners determine workforce funding allocations, and rule on unemployment and wage claim appeals among other duties.

“I am pleased to welcome Commissioner Hughs to TWC and the Texas Workforce Solutions network,” said TWC Chairman Andres Alcantar. “Her skills and expertise will certainly be a benefit to the state of Texas and I look forward to serving alongside her to address the workforce needs of our state.”

Prior to her appointment, Commissioner Hughs served in the private practice of law and was the owner and managing partner of an award-winning film production company. In addition to her work in the private sector, Hughs previously served in the office of the Texas Attorney General as the Director of Defense Litigation, managing the civil litigation divisions. Additionally, Hughs defended state agencies and employees in civil rights and employment litigation in state and federal courts, and provided advice to employers on employment matters.

“Commissioner Hughs brings a wealth of knowledge and experience,” said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Ronny Congleton. “Businesses in our great state will benefit from her expertise and the high standards set by her office and staff.”

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Commissioner Hughs Appointment

Hughs succeeds Hope Andrade whose term expired February 2015. The Office of the Commissioner Representing Employers represents the Texas business community and provides a variety of resources including training and assistance with workplace concerns.

Hughs was recognized twice as a Rising Star in the legal community by Texas Monthly and is a graduate of The University of Texas at Austin and Rutgers School of Law.

For information and resources available to Texas employers, visit the web page of the [Commissioner Representing Employers](#) on the TWC [website](#).

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