



Honorable Lee Wilder

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Lee Wilder has served as a Deputy Commissioner for the Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission in its Norfolk/Virginia Beach Regional Office since December 1993. A 1975 graduate of the University of Virginia and a 1982 graduate from the Marshall-Wythe School of Law at the College of William and Mary, Mr. Wilder was an associate and partner at the law firm of Rutter Montagna in Norfolk, Virginia with a practice focusing on personal injury and workers' compensation at both the federal and state levels. A lifelong technology enthusiast, Mr. Wilder bought his first electric typewriter, a Smith Corona model, while in high school in 1970, spent some of his free time at UVA playing games in the computer lab, purchased his first laptop computer, a Tandy x286 machine from RadioShack in 1990, and started using Dragon NaturallySpeaking, version 3.5, in 1998. When the Commission planned the implementation of a paperless system for its Judicial Division in 2008, he was asked to serve on the planning committee as a representative of the Commission's six regional offices. The Virginia Beach Regional Office became the first adopter of the Commission's new paperless system in January 2010. But the technological high point of Mr. Wilder's career occurred during the summer after his first year in law school when he worked at the Kennedy Space Center in the Inspector General's Office. The shuttle program had not yet seen its first launch, but Mr. Wilder spent a summer working around the marvels of a modern technological age, leaving at the end of the summer convinced that the computer revolution that had made a trip to the moon possible would soon seep into professional fields like the law. He remains a firm believer that when applied properly in combination with other productivity methods, technology can help any professional become more efficient.