



THE HONORABLE JOHN J. LAZZARA was Judge of Compensation Claims (JCC) for 28 years in the Tampa and Tallahassee Districts until his retirement in May of 2018. He served as President of the Florida Conference of JCCs (1997-99); Chair, The Florida Bar Workers' Compensation Rules Committee (1994-95); Member, The Florida Bar Appellate Court Rules Committee (2001-07); Chair, DOAH/OJCC Workers' Compensation Rules Revision Committee (2005-06); Member, The Florida Bar Standing Committee on Professionalism (2007-13); and Member, The Florida Bar Senior Lawyers Committee. In 1998 and 2002 Judge Lazzara was nominated for appointment to the First District Court of Appeal, which has exclusive statewide jurisdiction over workers' compensation appeals, and later served as Interim Deputy Chief Judge of Compensation Claims (2005-06). In 2008, he was instrumental in the founding of and was elected Inaugural President of the National Association of Workers' Compensation Judiciary (NAWCJ) and served on its Board of Directors until 2018. In 2009, he was inducted a Fellow of the ABA-founded College of Workers' Compensation Lawyers and sat on its Board of Governors (2011-16). He is a Charter Member of the Florida Workers' Compensation Institute's Hall of Fame having been inducted in 2012. The University of Florida Blue Key Honor Society honored him as an alumnus when it selected him to its 2015 Honorary Spring Tapping Class. Judge Lazzara has taught Workers' Compensation Law at Florida State University College of Law as an Adjunct Professor and is a frequent speaker on a variety of workers' compensation and mediation topics. He received his B.A. ('65) and J.D. ('67) degrees from the University of Florida.

Judge Lazzara is a certified circuit mediator and is currently available for the private mediation and consulting on workers' compensation matters.

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