

Media Advisory

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Governor Appoints Quarles to Mississippi Workers Compensation Commission

Jackson, Miss. – Governor Ronnie Musgrove today appointed Lydia Quarles to the Mississippi Workers Compensation Commission, representing the position of attorney, for a six-year term of office ending January 1, 2007.

“Judge Quarles has established a reputation of great integrity, and is very knowledgeable in workers compensation law,” said Governor Musgrove. “She will work with the other commissioners in a fair and objective manner that represents the best interest of Mississippians.”

Quarles graduated cum laude with her Bachelor of Arts Degree and summa cum laude with her Master of Arts in Communications from Mississippi University for Women. She received her Juris Doctorate from Cumberland School of Law at Samford University, and has been engaged in doctoral studies in Public Administration at Mississippi State University.

Quarles clerked for the Senior Associate Justice of the Alabama Supreme Court before she began her career in private practice. After 15 years in private practice, during which time she served as Municipal Prosecuting Attorney for the City of Starkville, City Attorney for the City of Starkville and Director of Paralegal Studies for Mississippi University for Women, she was appointed to the Mississippi Workers’ Compensation Commission where she serves as an administrative law judge.

Quarles is a noted and published speaker. Her professional speaking engagements include those which have been approved by the Alabama, Mississippi and Tennessee bars for continuing legal education credit, the Mississippi Mortgage Lenders, Mississippi Legal Secretaries Association and the Mississippi Real Estate Commission for professional education credit.

She has developed and provided tailored seminars to meet the needs of such entities as Scott Paper Company, the Homebuilders Association of Mississippi, local boards of

realty, the Mississippi Cooperative Extension Service, the Mississippi Forestry Service and independent insurance adjusters in Mississippi and Alabama.

Quarles is Vice Chairman of Administrative Law and Workers' Compensation Section of the Mississippi Bar. She was selected as one of the 30 outstanding young leaders in Mississippi by the Mississippi Economic Council, and is a Graduate of Leadership Mississippi, Leadership Starkville and Operation Tomorrow.

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