

## **COVID-19 & ILLINOIS WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION EMERGENCY BOARD MEETING WITH REPEAL OF EMERGENCY AMENDMENTS**

Today, April 27, 2020, the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission ("IWCC") held an Emergency Board Meeting, in which Chairman Brennan presented a motion to withdraw the previous Emergency Amendments to 9030.70.

The IWCC withdrew and repealed the prior Emergency Amendments to avoid the time and litigation expenses the IWCC would have incurred engaging in the suit filed by The Illinois Manufacturers' Association and The Illinois Retail Merchants Association (hereinafter "Plaintiffs"). Please recall Plaintiffs' Motion for Temporary Restraining Order ("TRO") against the IWCC was granted on April 23, 2020. The repeal of these Emergency Amendments reinstates the status quo at the present time.

Chairman Brennan cautioned that an IWCC Committee will be formed to discuss "other possible actions" that can be taken regarding COVID-19 under the Act, and the Illinois Workers' Occupational Diseases Act.

*We are monitoring the rapid developments of COVID-19 and the implications of practice before the IWCC. As we obtain information, we will keep you informed of any developments. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. Our team is happy to assist you and answer any questions you may have. Stay safe and know that we are here for you.*

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