

**Michael S. Dimenstein**  
**Executive and Legislative Nominations Committee Meeting**  
**April 2, 2015, 11:00 a.m.**

**Testimony**

Good morning/afternoon, Senator Duff, Representative Janowski, Senator Kane, Representative Buck-Taylor, and members of the Executive and Legislative Nominations Committee. My name is Michael Dimenstein, and it is my honor and privilege to be nominated by Governor Dannel P. Malloy to serve a second term as member of the Advisory Board to the Workers' Compensation Commission.

I am a lifelong citizen of Connecticut, educated in the New Haven public schools, and have worked for my entire career in this state. I am married with two adult sons. My wife and I reside in the town of Woodbridge.

After receiving my Bachelor's Degree from Syracuse University, I continued my graduate studies at Syracuse's Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, where I completed my Master's in Public Administration. My graduate work was in personnel management and labor relations.

I have more than 35 years of experience in the field of human resources and employee relations, with a principal focus on employee compensation and benefits administration. My experience, although chiefly in the healthcare industry, has also included the corporate sector as well as municipal government. I have designed and managed benefit programs covering multiple employee populations that span diverse occupations, pay and skill levels in both unionized and non-union workforces. I have overseen employee health and safety functions and have managed Workers' Compensation programs, both insured and self-funded.

My current role, Vice President of Compensation and Benefits of the Yale New Haven Health System, involves responsibility for a self-insured, self-administered Workers' Compensation program and a State approved medical care plan. These programs cover the more than 20,000 full-time, part-time and per diem employees of the health system that includes staff of Bridgeport, Greenwich and Yale-New Haven Hospitals, Northeast Medical Group and their affiliated organizations. YNHHS is proud to have been recognized nationally as an employer of choice by *Working Mother Magazine*, *Becker's Hospital Review*, the National Association for Female Executives and the National Human Rights Campaign.

During my prior service on the Workers' Compensation Advisory Board from May 2011 through December 2014 I had the privilege to participate in the Chairman's task force on hospital and ambulatory surgery center reimbursement, pursuant to PA 14-167, as well as to participate in the recommendations to reappoint several Workers' Compensation Commissioners. If given the opportunity to serve again, I would look forward to experiencing and assessing the impact and effectiveness of these important decisions.

I believe my qualifications, experience on the Advisory Board and throughout my career would continue to serve the Workers' Compensation Commission well. Thank you for your consideration.