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# Executive Department

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

*Columbus*

I, Mike DeWine, Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby appoint Todd Christopher Beresford, Republican, from Moreland Hills, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, as a Member of the Self-Insuring Employers Evaluation Board for a term beginning March 10, 2023 and ending at the close of business August 22, 2024, replacing Tommie Jo Brode, who resigned.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the Great Seal of the State of Ohio to be affixed, at Columbus, this 10th day of March in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty Three.

*Mike DeWine*

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Governor

## **Todd C. Beresford**

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Moreland Hills, OH 44022  
(440) 485-3295 (Home)  
(712) 574-3051 (Cell)

**PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY:** A results oriented and energetic leader with highly developed interpersonal, communication, team building, problem solving, organizational, critical thinking and training skills. Extensive management experience is complemented by many years of significant legal experience. Has successfully managed several large self-insured workers' compensation programs reducing claim counts while employee headcounts increased. Helped develop and implement "Best Practices" for the organization to promote consistency as well as objective measurability standards for department. Excels at building and managing highly productive teams in the workplace. Especially noteworthy is the ability to significantly improve operational efficiency and effectiveness while lowering operating costs. Has performed significant training to front line personnel on litigation avoidance as well as training medical doctors on the basics of workers' compensation from a medical perspective which reduces overall costs. Strong interpersonal skills, coupled with a creative and enthusiastic management style, serve as a catalyst for creating a positive work environment.

### **EMPLOYMENT HISTORY AND SIGNIFICANT CAREER ACHIEVEMENTS:**

**Director of Workers' Compensation, The Cleveland Clinic Foundation, Cleveland, OH, November 2018-Present**

- Manage workers' compensation program at the number 2 ranked hospital organization in the world with over 70,000 employees. .
- Develop, implement and manage the self-insured workers' compensation program for all locations within Ohio and Florida including the establishment of protocols and oversight of initial injury/claim reporting, investigation, compensability and disability decisions, claims strategy, reserves and settlement authority.
- Supervise staff personnel and business partners to ensure prompt and professional claims processing, administration and enterprise compliance with all applicable state and federal laws.
- Develop and monitor accurate financial reporting for workers' compensation costs, reserves and benchmarks.
- Responsible for OSHA recordkeeping, compliance and reporting.
- Responsible for MMSEA Section 111 workers' compensation reporting.
- Hire and manage outside defense counsel and the management and resolution of litigated workers' compensation claims.
- Works with other department in identifying and implementing cost containment strategies including functional capacity testing, directed care and return to modified work programs.
- Serve and participate on Environment of Care (EOC), Workplace Violence (WPV) and Blood Borne Pathogen (BBP) committees.
- Work with broker to procure excess workers' compensation insurance within the organization's risk tolerance.
- Manage and oversee the Employers Liability Policy (ELP) for Cleveland Clinic London.

**Coverage Attorney, Great West Casualty Company, South Sioux City, NE, August 2018-November 2018**

- Review insurance policies and prepare coverage opinions and memorandums.
- Advise management and claims department with regard to legal issues.
- Hire and manage outside counsel on litigated coverage disputes.
- Educate and train employees regarding coverage issues and consistent handling of claims according to company standards and update them on new developments on cases, laws and regulations.

**Senior Manager of Workers; Compensation, Tyson Foods Fresh Meats, Dakota Dune, SD, February 2005-June 2018**

- Managed daily operations of self-insured and self-administered workers compensation program with annual W.C. costs of over \$60 million.
- Attended and conducted high exposure mediations to resolve claims
- Managed claims in Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, North Carolina, Texas, South Carolina, South Dakota, Washington and Wisconsin.
- Worked directly with locations and Human Resource Directors on return to work issues which may also have ADA or other legal concerns.
- Worked directly with attorneys on litigated files to ensure claims were settled in most efficient manner to reduce exposure to the organization.
- Worked with local operations group to select and educate medical providers to treat injured employees by providing highest quality care at lowest cost.
- Provided onsite training to local operations to reduce injuries and improve safety performance.
- Worked extensively on promoting workers compensation reform in Iowa and Nebraska.
- Served as President of the Iowa Self-Insurers Association from its inception in 2009 through 2019. The ISIA spearheaded the 2017 Iowa Workers Compensation reform package which went into effect on July 1, 2017 providing large savings to Iowa Employers.
- Tyson projected over \$3.5 million in annual Iowa W.C. savings directly related to the 2017 reform.

**Litigation Attorney IBP/. Tyson Foods, Dakota Dunes, SD June 2000-February 2005 Dakota Dunes, SD**

- Handled all aspects of workers compensation defense for Fortune 100 Company in Iowa, Nebraska and South Dakota.
- Drafted pleadings, motions and briefs.
- Conduct all aspects of discovery including depositions.
- Attended mediations and settlement conferences.
- Wrote appellate briefs before the Iowa Supreme Court and Court of Appeals.
- Attended oral arguments at the Iowa district court, Court of Appeals and Supreme Court.
- Advised operations on return to work issues as well as ADA concerns.

**Judicial Law Clerk 2<sup>nd</sup> Judicial Circuit, State of South Dakota, Sioux Falls, SD, August 1999-June-2020**

- Performed research and drafted memorandum for district court judges.
- Assisted in drafting and editing judicial decisions for district court judges.

**EDUCATION:**

**University of South Dakota**, School of Law, Vermillion, SD  
Jurist Doctorate, May 1999  
Class Rank 12/68

**University of Northern Iowa**, College of Arts and Sciences, Cedar Falls, IA  
Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, July 1995  
Business Minor  
Grade Point Average 3.6/4.0

**OTHER PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:**

Florida Association of Self-Insureds Board Member, 2021-Present (Currently Vice President)  
Ohio Self Insurers Association Board Member, 2019-Present  
Ohio Bar Association-2019-Present  
Iowa and South Dakota Bar Associations 2000-Present  
Iowa Association of Workers Compensation Attorneys, Member-2008-2018  
Iowa Association of Workers Compensation Attorneys, Board of Governors 2014-2018  
Iowa Workers Compensation Advisory Committee Employer Representative 2014-2018  
President, Iowa Self Insurers Association 2009-2019  
Iowa Association of Business and Industry, Workplace and Safety Committee 2004-2018  
Nebraska NCCI Workers Compensation Appeal Board Member-2017-2018  
Wisconsin Self-Insurers Association Board Member-2017-2018

**REFERENCES:**

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## GOVERNOR'S APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

**Appointment Date:** 3/10/2023

**Name of Appointee:** Todd Christopher Beresford  
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30 West Spring Street  
Columbus  
(614) 466-8222

**Term Begins:** 8/23/2020  
**Term Ends:** 8/22/2024  
**Party Affiliation:** Republican  
**Senate Confirmation:** Appointed by the Governor, confirmed by the Senate  
**Financial Disclosure:** Public disclosure required  
**Vice:** Tommie Jo Brode