

### **Department of Employee Relations**

Cavalier Johnson

Harper Donahue, IV

Renee Joos Employee Benefits Director

Nicole M. Fleck Labor Negotiator

1/19/2024

City Service Commission Department of Employee Relations City Hall, Room 706

Re: Request to Extend Temporary Appointment - Kathy Rauckman

Dear City Service Commissioners:

The Department of Employee Relations respectfully requests permission and approval for a second extension of a temporary appointment for Kathy Rauckman to the position of Worker's Compensation and Safety Manager.

Following the resignation of the previous Worker's Compensation and Safety Manager in November. Ms. Rauckman was identified by the Benefits Director as the most qualified person to oversee the Workers Compensation operations while a selection process was conducted to fill the position on a permanent basis. The Workers Compensation and Safety Manager is a critical position that directs the Worker's Compensation and Safety Section, including third-party administrator (TPA) claim management activity and citywide safety programs, defenses for litigation and compliance with state and federal laws, standards, and reporting requirements.

The Department of Employee Relations did conduct an open and competitive recruitment in order to fill this position permanently and an offer was made and accepted however this individual is not scheduled to start until March 4, 2024. Continuation of this temporary appointment would enable Ms. Rauckman to continue providing the necessary coverage for the higher-level functions she is performing, and to be compensated appropriately during this time.

Sincerely,



### Department of Employee Relations 200 E. Wells Street, Room 706 Milwaukee, WI 53202-3554



# **NOTICE OF TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT**

Rule IX, Section 2 of the Civil Service Rules allows a department to appoint a person to a position on a temporary basis. A temporary appointment may be appropriate when services are for a limited period, or during the leave of absence of an employee who plans to return to the service of the city. Therefore a temporary appointment is limited to a period of 90 days, unless an extension is authorized by the City Service Commission.

When making an employment offer for a temporary appointment, the appointing officer must submit this completed form to DER no later than the close of the pay period in which the temporary appointment has been made. All temporary appointees must meet the minimum requirements established for the position to which the individual is appointed.

SEND COMPLETED FORM AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION TO DER, CITY HALL, ROOM 706 OR DERCERTIFICATION@MILWAUKEE.GOV

TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT / APPO	DINTEE DETAILS						
DEPARTMENT/DIVISION	LAST NAME			FIRST NAME		INITIAL	
DER/Administration	Rauckman			Kathy			
AUTHORIZED POSITION TITLE	PAY RA	NGE	F&P COMMI	TTEE APPROVAL DATE	REQUISITION #		
Worker's Comp & Safety N	flgr 1JX	1JX					
UNDERFILL TITLE (IF APPLICABLE)	PAY RA	NGE	WAS THE IN	I DIVIDUAL HIRED FROM AI	N ELIGIBLE LIST?		
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REASON FOR TEMPORARY APPOINT	MENT	EFFECTIVE DATE	ANTIC	IPATED EXPIRATION DATE	T.A. RATE OF P		
☐ During Leave of Absence of a	n employee who is expected to return		/			AY	
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ATTACH A COPY OF THE CURRENT J	OB DESCRIPTION & A RESUME IN ADD	ITION TO COMPLE	TING THE INF	ORMATION BELOW			
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THE INDIVIDUAL WAS IDENTIFIED A	S A POTENTIAL TEMPORARY APPOINT	EE:					
that division with the knowled	king in the Worker's Comp divis ge and expertise. In order to full y-wide safety program, handle a	fill the duties &	responsibli	ties of this critical pos-	ition which is re	aenoneihla	
PROVIDE INFORMATION TO DEMON	STRATE HOW THE INDIVIDUAL MEETS	THE MINIMUM F	EQUIREMENT	'S:			
TRAINING AND EDUCATION:	WORK EXPERIENCE:				IENTS (i.e. LICENS	FS)	
Claims Adjuster - Sr - 2013 - 2015 Claims Adjuster Specialist - 2015 - 2019 Workers Comp Specialist - 2020 - present							
IS THIS INDIVIDUAL A CURRENT CITY OF MILWAUKEE EMPLOYEE?	IF YES, CURRENT DEPARTMENT:	CURRENT	POSITION TIT	LE:	EMPLOYEE ID NU	MBER:	
✓ Yes  No	Dept of Employee Relations		's Comp S		018089		
No Yes – Explain Relati		E OF APPOINTIVE	CITY OFFICIAL	? (Refer to CSC Rule VIII, S	Section 10 regardi	ng nepotism.)	
DAYS UNLESS AN EXTENSION IS APP	MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULE IN ROVED BY THE COMMISSION.	K, SECTION 2 OF TI	HE CITY SERVI	CE COMMISSION AND IS L	IMITED TO A PERI	OD OF 90	
REPORTING OFFICER	SIGNATURE	AND STATES	TITLE		DATE		
Renee Joos	1200		Employ	ee Benefits Directo	r 1/2:	3/2024	
APPROVING OFFICER	SIGNATURE		TITLE		DATE		
Harper Donahue IV	Halo		Employ	ee Relations Direct	or 1/2	3/2024	
	THIS SECTION FOR DER REVIEW						
DER REVIEW COMPLETED BY:	SIGNATURE		TITLE		DATE		



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# **TEMPORARY APPOINTEE STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING**

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SECTION I. TO BE COMPLETED BY HIRING AUTHORITY - PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT LEGIBLY

APPLICANT NAME (last, first, middle)	, , , , ,	THE ONLY MINT ELGIBL		DATE
Rauckman, Kathy				1/23/2024
POSITION TITLE		P	AY RANGE	RATE OF PAY
Worker's Compensation & Safety Manager			UX I	
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## SECTION II. TEMPORARY APPOINTEE STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING

I understand that if I am appointed to the position described above on a temporary basis, that I must meet the requirements for the position. I further understand that this temporary appointment may expire at any time and is limited to a period of 90 days, unless an extension at the request of the hiring authority is approved by the City of Milwaukee Civil Service Commission.

I understand that as a temporary appointee I am ineligible for paid holidays, sick leave, vacation or other benefits while serving on this temporary appointment, and that this temporary appointment shall not confer upon me any privilege of regular appointment. (Note: A current City of Milwaukee employee who accepts a temporary appointment to a different position retains his/her current benefits and civil service status).

I understand that if I wish to be considered for regular employment I must compete in a Civil Service examination for the position, and must pass the examination with a grade which shall place me among the top five scores on the eligible list in order to be eligible to interview for regular appointment to the position.

I understand that acceptance of a temporary appointment will not affect my rights to certification for permanent appointment to any position for which I am currently on an eligible list for.

In accordance with Civil Service Rule VIII, Section 10, concerning nepotism, I hereby certify that I am not related, either by blood or through marriage, to the appointing officer or to any member of the appointive board or body or to any direct superior or to any elective or appointive City official. (This includes relative of both whole and half blood, and extends to persons as closely related as first cousins when the relationship is by blood, or more closely related than first cousins when the relationship is through marriage, and includes the cases of husbands of sisters-in-law and wives of brothers-in-law).

A Rule IX, Section 2, temporary appointee who is on an eligible list may be considered for future regular appointment when the appointee ranks among the certifiable highest eligible on the list, or compete in a future examination.

Temporary Appointment Applicant Signature

FFANY THOMAS

Witness Signature

Date Signed

Witness Name (Print)

City of Milwaukee CS-25 Rev 11/14

## JOB DESCRIPTION

FOR DER USE ONLY

Vacancy No.

City Service Finance
Commission: Committee:
Fire & Police Common
Commission: Council:

**Instructions:** Complete all sections. Refer to the *Guidelines for Preparing Job Descriptions* for instructions on completing specific items.

1. Date Prepared/Revised: 12/2/2023	2. Present Incumbent		t:	Is inc	umber	nt underfilling	position?
3. Date Filled:	4. Previous Incumbent: Nilsa Rosado-Jurkiewicz				YES ☐ NO ☒  If YES, indicate Underfill Title in box 10.		in box 10.
<ol><li>Department: Department of Employee Rela</li></ol>	tions	Burea Divisi	u: on: Employee Benefits	Unit: Section: Worker's Compensation		sation	
6. Work Location: City Hall, R	oom 706	Telephone: (414)286-3510 Email: Work Schedule: Hours: 8:00 a.m 4:45 p.m. / Days: M-F		m. /			
7. Represented by a S. Bargaining Unit: Union? Yes No If in District Council 4		18, which local?	9. FLSA Status (check one):  ☐ Exempt ☐ Non-Exempt				
10. Official Title: Worker's Compensation a Underfill Title (if applie Requested Title (if applie	cable):	ger		Pay R	ange	Job Code	EEO Code
Recommended Title (DER Use Only):		Approved by:			•••		
			Date:				

#### 11. BASIC FUNCTION OF POSITION:

Under the direction of the Employee Benefits Director, this position is responsible for managing the daily operations for the City of Milwaukee's Worker's Compensation and Safety Section. This includes oversight of the City's Third Party Administrator (TPA) for worker's compensation claims, monitoring and auditing claim management activity for the Worker's Compensation Program, working with the City Attorney to coordinate defenses for litigated files, partnering with the City's Risk Manager and Safety Office on citywide safety programming and Return to Work (RTW) Programs including DER's Bridge to Work program, provide support for the City's Disabled Employee Placement Program (DEPP) and to the Employes' Retirement System for the Duty Disability Retirement process. Ensure compliance with the State of Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development Chapter 102 as well as safety and health standards for public employees and applicable OSHA reporting requirements.

### 12. DESCRIPTION OF JOB (Check if description applies to Official Title ⊠ or Underfill Title □):

A. ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS/Duties and Responsibilities: (Refer to the "Guidelines for Preparing Job Descriptions" for instructions on determining Essential Functions.)

% of Time	ESSENTIAL FUNCTION					
30	Worker's Compensation Program					
	<ul> <li>Plan, develop, and maintain an efficient delivery system and coordination of Worker's Compensation related programs.</li> </ul>					
	<ul> <li>Responsible for audit and direct oversight of the contract terms as they relate to the administration of the Worker's Compensation benefits through the City's TPA to ensure fiscal responsibility, compliance with regulatory agencies (OSHA, DWD, CMS, etc.) and established City best practices.</li> </ul>					
	<ul> <li>Conduct ongoing claims review and strategy sessions with the Worker's Compensation TPA to provide guidance and understanding of City departments and protocols to ensure effective and timely communication to the injured worker, employee departments and regulatory submissions. This includes maintaining updated service instructions for the TPA.</li> </ul>					
	<ul> <li>Develop and implement policies and procedures for compliance with state and federal guidelines for Worker's Compensation and Occupational Safety and Health Standards.</li> </ul>					
	<ul> <li>Supervise staff and provide guidance and establish workflows for daily operations of the Worker's Compensation staff to include policy &amp; procedures, scanning operations, records request, records retention</li> </ul>					

% of Time	ESSENTIAL FUNCTION
	schedules, etc.
20	<ul> <li>Safety &amp; Risk Management Programs</li> <li>Oversee the City Wide Central Safety Committee, collaborate with Departmental safety Supervisors/Managers and DER's Risk Manager and Safety Officer in the preparation of annual safety reports, collecting and tracking annual worker's compensation metrics, Risk Assessments to include ergonomic studies and mitigating workplace hazards.</li> <li>Coordinate and function as a liaison with departments on issues related to worker's compensation and safety activities including cultivating and expanding safety awareness and loss and risk control activities</li> <li>Coordinate the City's OSHA 300 Reports and timely submission to the state's Department of Workforce Development (DWD) and the Federal Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) for worker's compensation claim data metrics.</li> <li>Develop and implement appropriate reporting tools for tracking Worker's Compensation and Safety Risk Assessments statistics for loss control and payments.</li> <li>Oversee City Return to Work (RTW) programs including managing and reviewing the Bridge to Work (BTW) program to ensure program efficiency and collaborating with the DEPP Program Administrator on returning injured employee's to work.</li> <li>Develop, coordinate and implement Worker's Compensation and Safety training programs for employees and City departments as well TPA staff.</li> </ul>
30	<ul> <li>Monitor and oversee the Safety Glasses program for City employees.</li> <li>Litigation</li> <li>Provide ongoing support and assistance to the City Attorney's (CA) office regarding worker's compensation litigated issues.</li> <li>Manage litigation activities to include the preparation of timely responses and appropriate defenses in disputed matters.</li> <li>Develop risk analysis on disputed claim issues and formulate considerations on settlement matters</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>including settlement authority to the CA.</li> <li>Prepare compromise agreements under the direction of the CA for review and approval by DWD.</li> <li>Document issues in dispute and outcomes of the agreement to ensure timely execution while limiting the City's liability and documenting the program/claims savings.</li> </ul>
10	<ul> <li>Subrogation</li> <li>Manage recovery from third party liable parties the maximum allowable reimbursement on worker's compensation matters where the City has a right to declare a lien under WI State 102.29 including negotiating a resolution recovery.</li> </ul>
5	<ul> <li>Duty Disability Program (DDP)</li> <li>Process all DDP applications and provide medical records and relevant information as it relates to duty related disability applications for injured workers in which DER has assumed full responsibility for protection of the City's interests as they relate to retirement disability allowances per City Ordinance.</li> </ul>

#### B. PERIPHERAL DUTIES:

% of Time	LIVAL DOTTEO.	PERIPHERAL DUTY	
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### C. NAME AND TITLE OF <u>IMMEDIATE</u> SUPERVISOR:

Employee Benefits Director

**D. SUPERVISION RECEIVED:** (Describe the extent to which work assignments and methods are outlined, reviewed, and approved by this position's supervisor.)

The Worker's Compensation/Safety Administrator receives direct supervision from the Employee Benefits Director

### E. SUPERVISION EXERCISED:

Total number of employees for whom responsible, either directly or indirectly =  $\underline{\mathbf{4}}$ .

<u>Direct Supervision:</u> List the number and titles of personnel directly supervised. Specify the kind and extent of supervision exercised by indicating one or more of the following:

a.	Assign duties	e.	Sign or approve work
b.	Outline methods	f.	Make hiring recommendations
C.	Direct work in progress	g.	Prepare performance appraisals
d.	Check or inspect completed work	h.	Take disciplinary action or effectively recommend such
b. c. d.	Direct work in progress	f. g. h.	Prepare performance appraisals

Number Supervised	Job Title	Extent of Supervision Exercised (Select those that apply from list above, a - h)
1	Disability Compliance Coordinator (Claims Adjuster Specialist)	
1	Claims Adjuster	
1	Paralegal	
1	Temporary personnel based on business needs	

- F. MINIMIMUM QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED: (Indicate the MINIMUM qualifications required to <u>enter</u> the job.)
  - i. Education and Experience:

College degree; substantial claims management experience in an insurance environment will be substituted in lieu of a degree. 8-10 years of claims management experience and at least 5 years at a supervisor level.

- ii. Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:
  - Above average written, oral, interpersonal, decision-making, and analytical skills.
  - Ability to work independently within their authority level.
  - Broad yet strong technical knowledge and understanding of Worker's Compensation Law 102, including its requirements and provisions in addition to Chapter 80 & 81.
  - Supervisory experience in managing staff and resources to support a claim count of 6,000 annually.
  - Knowledge and understanding of Safety and Risk Management to include of DILHR, OSHA, and EPA safety regulations.
- iii. Certifications, Licenses, Registrations:
- iv. Other Requirements:

### 13. PHYSICAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL DEMANDS: TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT USED

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, as amended by the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act (ADAAA) of 2008 requires job descriptions to provide detailed information regarding the physical demands required to perform the essential functions of a job; the conditions under which the job is performed; and the tools and equipment the employee will be required to use on the job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable qualified individuals to perform the essential duties and responsibilities of the job for each of the categories listed below.

**G. PHYSICAL ACTIVITY OF THE POSITION:** (List the physical activities that are representative of those that must be met to successfully perform the essential functions of the job).

CHE	CK ALL THAT APPLY:
	Climbing: Ascending or descending ladders, stairs, scaffolding, ramps, poles, and the like; using feet and
	legs and/or hands and arms. Body agility is emphasized. Check only if the amount and kind of climbing required exceeds that required for ordinary locomotion.
	Balancing: Maintaining body equilibrium to prevent falling when walking, standing or crouching on narrow,
	slippery or erratically moving surfaces. Check only if the amount and kind of balancing exceeds that
	needed for ordinary locomotion and maintenance of body equilibrium.
	Stooping: Bending body downward and forward by bending spine at the waist. Check only if it occurs to a
1	considerable degree and requires full use of the lower extremities and back muscles.
	Kneeling: Bending legs at knee to come to a rest on knee or knees.
	Crouching: Bending the body downward and forward by bending leg and spine.
	Crawling: Moving about on hands and knees or hands and feet.

	Reaching: Extending Hand(s) and arm(s) in any direction.
$\boxtimes$	Standing: Particularly for sustained periods of time.
$\boxtimes$	Walking: Moving about on foot to accomplish tasks, particularly for long distances.
X	<b>Pushing:</b> Using upper extremities to exert force in order to draw, press against something with steady force in order to thrust forward, downward or outward.
	Pulling: Using upper extremities to exert force in order to draw, drag, haul or tug objects in a sustained motion.
	Lifting: Raising objects from a lower to a higher position or moving objects horizontally from position-to- position. Check only if it occurs to a considerable degree and requires substantial use of the upper extremities and back muscles.
	<b>Fingering:</b> Picking, pinching, typing or otherwise working primarily with fingers rather than with the whole hand or arm, as in handling.
	Grasping: Applying pressure to an object with fingers and palm.
	<b>Feeling:</b> Perceiving attributes of objects such as size, shape, temperature or texture by touching with the skin, particularly that of the fingertips.
M	Talking: Expressing or exchanging ideas by means of the spoken word. Those activities which demand detailed or important instructions spoken to other workers accurately, loudly or quickly.
M	Hearing: Perceiving the nature of sounds with no less than a 40 db loss. Ability to receive oral communication and make fine discriminations in sound.
	Repetitive Motions: Substantial movements (motions) of the wrist, hands, and/or fingers.
	Driving: Minimum standards required by State Law (including license).
functi	SICAL REQUIREMENTS OF THE POSITION: (List the physical requirements that are essential ions of the job.)  CK ONE:
	Sedentary Work: Exerting up to 10 pounds of force occasionally and/or negligible amount of force frequently or constantly to lift, carry, push, pull or otherwise move objects. Sedentary work involves sitting most of the time. Jobs are sedentary if walking and standing are required only occasionally and all other sedentary criteria are met.
	<b>Light Work:</b> Exerting up to 10 pounds of force occasionally and/or negligible amount of force constantly to move objects. If the use of arm and/or leg controls requires exertion of forces greater than that for sedentary work and the worker sits most of the time, the job is rated for Light Work.
	Medium Work: Exerting up to 50 pounds of force occasionally and/or up to 20 pounds of force frequently, and/or up to 10 pounds of force constantly to move objects.
	<b>Heavy Work:</b> Exerting up to 100 pounds of force occasionally, and/or up to 50 pounds of force frequently, and/or up to 20 pounds of force constantly to move objects.
	<b>Very Heavy Work:</b> Exerting in excess of 100 pounds of force occasionally, and/or in excess of 50 pounds of force frequently, and/or in excess of 20 pounds of force constantly to move objects.
VISU job.)	AL ACUITY REQUIREMENTS: (List the visual acuity requirements that are essential functions of the
CHE	CK ONE:
	Operators (Electronic Equipment), Inspection, Close Assembly, Clerical, Administrative:  This is a minimum standard for use with those whose job requires work done at close visual range (i.e. preparing and analyzing data and figures, accounting, transcription, computer terminal, extensive reading, visual inspection involving analyzing analyzing operation of machines, using measurement devices, assembly or fabrication of parts)
	involving small parts, operation of machines, using measurement devices, assembly or fabrication of parts).  Machine Operators, Mechanics, Skilled Tradespeople: This is a minimum standard for use with those whose work deals with machines where the seeing job is at or within arm's reach. This also includes mechanics and skilled tradespeople and those who do work of a non-repetitive nature such as carpenters, technicians, service people, plumbers, painters, mechanics, etc. (If the machine operator also inspects, check the "Operators" box.)
	Mobile Equipment Operators: This is a minimum standard for use with those who operate cars, trucks, forklifts,
	cranes, and high lift equipment.  Other: This is a minimum standard based on the criteria of accuracy and neatness of work for janitors, sweepers, etc.
	CONDITIONS THE WORKED WILL BE SUBJECT TO IN THIS POSITION:

#### J. THE CONDITIONS THE WORKER WILL BE SUBJECT TO IN THIS POSITION:

List the environmental/working conditions to which the employee may be exposed while performing the essential functions of the job. Include scheduling considerations such as on-call for emergencies, rotating shift, etc. Approximate Percentage of time performing field work: 0%

### CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:

The above statements are intended to summarize the nature and level of work and typical responsibilities and duties being performed by the incumbent(s) of this job. They are not intended to be an exhaustive list of all responsibilities, duties, and tasks required of the position.

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None: The worker is not substantially exposed to adverse environmental conditions (such as typical office or administrative work).
The worker is subject to inside environmental conditions: Protection from weather conditions but not necessarily from temperature changes (i.e. warehouses, covered loading docks, garages, etc.)
The worker is subject to outside environmental conditions: No effective protection from weather.
The worker is subject to extreme cold: Temperatures below 32 degrees for period of more than one hour.
The worker is subject to extreme heat: Temperatures above 100 degrees for periods of more than one hour.
The worker is subject to noise: There is sufficient noise to cause the worker to shout in order to be heard above the surrounding noise level.
The worker is subject to vibration: Exposure to oscillating movements of the extremities or whole body.
The worker is subject to hazards: Includes a variety of physical conditions, such as proximity to moving mechanical parts, electrical current, working on scaffolding and high places or exposure to chemicals.
The worker is subject to atmospheric conditions: One or more of the following conditions that affect the respiratory system or the skin: Fumes, odors, dust, mists, gases or poor ventilation.
The worker is subject to oil: There is air and/or skin exposure to oils and other cutting fluids.
The worker is required to wear a respirator.
List equipment needed to successfully perform the essential functions of the job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable qualified individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.)
CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:
Camera and photographic equipment Office Equipment (desk, chair, telephone, etc.)
Cleaning supplies Office supplies (pens, staplers, pencils, etc.)
Commercial vehicle Packing materials (boxes, shrink wrap, etc.)
Data processing equipment PC equipment (monitor, keyboard, printer, etc.)
Handcart PC software
Hand tools (please list):
Office Machines (check all that apply): Copier Facsimile Calculator Cash register
Other (please list):
<b>SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:</b> (Indicate any other information which further explains the importance, difficulty, or uniqueness of the position, such as its scope of responsibility related to finances, equipment, people, information, etc. Also indicate success factors such a personal characteristics that contribute to an individual's ability to perform well in the job, and any other special considerations.)
I believe that the statements made above in describing this job are complete and accurate.  Signature of Department Head or Designated Representative
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### **Kathy Rauckman**

### **Work Experience**

### **City of Milwaukee**

### Worker's Compensation Specialist, October 2020 – Current

Assist in oversight of administration and contract compliance of the worker's compensation process involving claims with a high degree of complexity. Attend hearings and independently negotiate settlements of high-dollar litigated claims. Resolve CMS, DWD and vendor issues. Provide training to worker's compensation staff. Function as back-up to the Worker's Compensation & Safety Manager and the Employee Assistance and Resource Coordinator.

### Claims Adjuster Specialist, February 2015 – October 2020

Adjusted advanced worker's compensation claims with difficult and complicated issues that were unresolved at other adjusting levels. Attended pre-hearings and supported the division's litigation process. Negotiated cost-saving settlements with litigants and/or their attorney's.

### Senior Claims Adjuster, October 2013 – February 2015

Investigated and adjusted claims that involved serious injuries as well as litigated claims. Resolved complex customer inquiries. Liaised with Safety Managers and Supervisors to return injured employees to work.

### Claims Adjuster, October 2012 – October 2013

Adjusted claims for City and Milwaukee Public School employees in compliance with the Wisconsin Worker's Compensation Act. Ensured timely payments of benefits while being fiscally responsible with City resources.

### Administrative Services Specialist, October 2011 – October 2012

Provided executive level support to the City's Benefits Manager. Audited vendor health and dental bills, initiating corrective action when necessary. Additionally, audited bi-weekly payroll reports to ensure accuracy of employee benefit premium deductions.

#### Benefits Specialist II, September 2008 – October 2011

Administered health and dental benefits to employees, disseminated benefits information and guided employees in making benefit elections; provided employee support with on-line enrollment and staffed the employee benefits hotline.

### Program Assistant I, June 2007 – September 2008

Processed payroll and managed the City's DEPP Program. Assisted with application processing, conducting performance exams, preparing offer letters, coordinating drug tests and I9 verification. Maintained a seniority database for 300+ seasonal laborers for issuing lay-off and recall notices for the Department of Public Works.

#### Accounting Assistant II, November 2006 – June 2007

Maintained the department's receivables account, processed payments and updated the FMIS accounting system. Prepared weekly, monthly and year-end income statements.

#### Milwaukee Public Schools - Head Secretary, April 2004 - November 2006

Provided administrative support to the school principal and supervised a four-person clerical staff. Functioned as a bookkeeper, processing payroll and maintaining oversight of the school's operating budget.

### **Grand Avenue Club**

#### Business Manager, 1993 - 2002

Responsible for maintaining a financially viable organization by performing all fiscal functions of business operations. Together with the Director, developed a strategic plan and initiated a methodical fundraising strategy which increased the annual operating budget from \$210,000 to \$4,000,000, in addition to launching a successful \$8,000,000 capital campaign.

### TRAINING AND EDUCATION

- Completed 80 coursework credits toward a Bachelor's Degree in Human Resource Management.
- Participated in multiple professional development classes, seminars and in-service training modules.