

## **Stephanie McCloud**

### **Administrator/CEO**

As BWC's administrator/CEO, Stephanie McCloud leads one of the largest state-run insurance systems in the United States with a staff of nearly 1,600 who serve Ohio's injured workers and 257,000 employers.

Before rejoining BWC in November 2024, McCloud served as Governor Mike DeWine's chief of staff, beginning in January 2023. In that role, she was the governor's chief advisor and led the execution of his administration's strategic priorities. Prior to this, she served as BWC's administrator/CEO, starting in 2019.

McCloud is an experienced executive with a diverse background that encompasses more than 20 years of experience in public administration and workers' compensation. Before coming to the DeWine administration, she served as senior vice president at Sedgwick Claims Management Services while managing her private Columbus law firm, McCloud Law LLC.

She began her career as a staff attorney at BWC before serving as legal counsel to both former Governor George Voinovich and the Ohio Department of Transportation. She later joined the office of former Attorney General Jim Petro, first as senior deputy attorney general before advancing to chief counsel.

McCloud is also a former Truro Township Trustee and active community leader. She served six years on the Counselors, Social Workers, Marriage & Family Therapists Board. She also served on the board of the Maryhaven behavioral health and addiction treatment center for over a decade.

During the peak of the COVID pandemic in November 2020, she was appointed as the director of the Ohio Department of Health. Governor Mike DeWine chose her for her knowledge of state government and management expertise, which were both needed during the pandemic. She continued as director for 10 months until her return to BWC as administrator in August 2021.

McCloud earned a bachelor's degree in journalism from Ohio University and a law degree from the Capital University Law School.

Administrator McCloud was a recipient of Columbus Business First's "40 Under 40 Award" in 2010, and in 2019, she was selected as a "Women to Watch" honoree by the international publication, Business Insurance. In addition, she was chosen as a member of the 2021 Future50 class by Columbus CEO Magazine. In 2020, McCloud was awarded the Small Business Advocate Award by the Greater Cleveland Partnership in recognition of her commitment to small businesses and support of state policies that foster job creation and business growth.