

Chief Deputy Commissioner's Biography

Stephen T. Gheen

On December 20, 2005, pursuant to the revision of [N.C. Gen. Stat. §97-78](#) by the 2005 General Assembly, Chairman Buck Lattimore officially named **Stephen T. Gheen** as Chief Deputy Commissioner of the N.C. Industrial Commission. Mr. Gheen was an Assistant Attorney General before he joined the the Industrial Commission on August 1, 2000, as a Deputy Commissioner. At that time, Chairman Lattimore designated Mr. Gheen as the "lead worker" for the Deputy Commissioner section, with the working title of "Chief Deputy Commissioner."

Steve Gheen graduated from Western Carolina University with a B.A. degree in 1972 and an M.A. degree in History in 1974. He received his J.D. from North Carolina Central University in 1985.

He has served as a Deputy Commissioner of Insurance; Clerk to the Honorable Hugh A. Wells (deceased), Judge of the North Carolina Court of Appeals; Assistant District Attorney for Judicial District 27-A; in the private practice of law in Gaston County for 13 years; and Assistant Attorney General of the N.C. Department of Justice, assigned to the Industrial Commission as agency counsel.

Mr. Gheen is a native of Cleveland County, is the father of two children, and is married to Cathy Moore, an attorney for the County of Durham.

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