

Douglas J. Holmes
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Douglas J. Holmes began as President of UWC in November, 2006. In his position as President of UWC, Doug serves as the primary UI legislative and policy resource for business, counting as members an array of national and state business trade associations, Fortune 500 companies and third party administrators. He also serves as President of the National Foundation for Unemployment Compensation & Workers' Compensation, which produces regular comparisons of state UI law and hosts the annual national unemployment insurance issues conference.

Doug joined UWC after more than 22 years in positions in the public sector in which he developed policy and administered the federal/state unemployment insurance system. During his tenure in state government, Mr. Holmes served as Deputy Administrator of the Ohio Bureau of Employment Services, Deputy Director of the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, Ohio Unemployment Insurance Director, Chief Counsel for Unemployment Insurance, and Secretary of the Ohio Unemployment Compensation Advisory Council appointed by the Governor.

In addition to his work in Ohio, Mr. Holmes served as Chairman of the UI/ES Reform Workgroup for the National Governors' Association, coordinator of the Coalition for Employment Security Financing Reform, and a member of the US Department of Labor UI Reform Workgroup. He has been a frequent speaker on the topic of the unemployment insurance system before Congress, state legislatures, state and national business organizations, state agencies, and labor organizations.

UWC has served as the coordinator of a broad based UI business coalition seeking relief from federal unemployment taxes and advocating for improved integrity of the UI system.

Mr. Holmes is an Attorney, and graduate of the Ohio State University and the University of Toledo College of Law.