176.306 SCHEDULED HEARINGS.

Subdivision 1. **Chief administrative law judge.** The chief administrative law judge shall schedule workers' compensation hearings on as regular a schedule as may be practicable in no fewer than six widely separated locations throughout the state, including at least four locations outside of the seven-county metropolitan area and Duluth, for the purpose of providing a convenient forum for parties to a compensation hearing and shall maintain a permanent court in Duluth staffed by at least one compensation judge. Continuances of the scheduled hearing date may be granted only under section 176.341, subdivision 4.

Subd. 2. **District administrators; clerks of court.** The judicial district administrators or the court administrators of the county or district courts nearest to the locations selected by the chief administrative law judge pursuant to subdivision 1 shall provide suitable hearing rooms at the times and places agreed upon for the purpose of conducting workers' compensation hearings.

Subd. 3. **Scheduling matters.** A compensation judge may schedule a pretrial or settlement conference, whether or not a party requests such a conference.

History: *1981 c 346 s 107; 1982 c 424 s 45; 1984 c 640 s 32; 1Sp1986 c 3 art 1 s 82; 1987 c 332 s 75,76; 2025 c 39 art 2 s 68*