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John leads the public policy efforts for the association's 1,400 member companies. 2011 will mark John's 16<sup>th</sup> legislative session.

John is immediate Past President of the Iowa Workers' Compensation Advisory Committee and serves on the state's Workers' Compensation Appeal Board. He also is a member of the Iowa Department of Revenue Business Advisory Group, the Iowa State Bar Association, the Council on State Taxation and the American Tort Reform Association.

Among ABI's successes during John's tenure include adoption of regulatory reform measures resulting in more than \$20 million annual savings to Iowa businesses as well as successfully leading a broad coalitions to defend Iowa's Right to Work law and challenges to employer directed medical care in workers' compensation.

He previously served as Iowa Deputy Secretary of State from 1995-1999 and at age 31, won his party's nomination for Iowa Secretary of State. He also practiced law with the Des Moines firm of Bradshaw, Fowler, Proctor & Fairgrave, P.C.

John earned a bachelor's degree from Cornell College and a juris doctorate degree from Creighton University. He is a former intern to U.S. Senator Charles Grassley and former law clerk to the United States Attorney Charles W. Larson. He also worked from 1993-1995 as a judicial clerk in Iowa's First Judicial District.

John is a native of Knoxville, Iowa. He is past president of the Prevent Child Abuse Iowa Board of Directors and past member of the Cornell College Alumni Board. In 2004, John was named to the Des Moines Business Record's "40 under 40" and he is a 2008-09 *Leadership Iowa* graduate.

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Mel joined the Merit Resource team as a Risk Services Consultant and works hard to enhance and improve worksite safety for Merit's clients. An expert in safety, Mel came to us from Bridgestone Tire Manufacturing where she worked as a Safety Coordinator and an Industrial Hygienist. Mel also has experience improving the health, safety, and wellness of employees in the pharmaceutical and meat packing industries.

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Cathy began her career at Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield as a marketing trainee in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. During the course of Cathy's career at Wellmark she worked as a National Account Manager in Eastern Iowa and then served in various regional and statewide Sales Leadership roles. She retired from Wellmark in July, 2010 as Vice President of Key and National Account Sales. During Cathy's time at Wellmark she served on the Consortium Health Plan Board and was on the executive board of the Blue Cross Association National Labor Office.

Cathy is now the owner of C<sup>2</sup>Consulting focusing on employee health and lifestyle management strategies. She is consulting with Desk Active as a business development consultant.

Cathy holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from Central College in Pella, Iowa. She is a designated Certified Healthcare Consultant through the Krannert School of Management at Purdue University and is a Fellow of the Academy for Healthcare Management. Cathy is a member of the Iowa Health Insurance Underwriters Association. She serves on the Board of Directors for Terrace Hill, is President of the Woman's Golf Association at Urbandale Golf and Country Club, and recently completed a term as a Deputy on the Iowa Business Council.

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Peter is a seasoned healthcare executive with twenty-six years in leadership roles in health insurance (Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield) and health care delivery (University of Michigan Medical Center). His experience includes conceptualization, planning and implementation of broad-based programs working in collaboration with health care providers to achieve and sustain medical and pharmacy benefit cost trends at/below the lowest 25<sup>th</sup> percentile of Blue Cross Blue Shield plans nationally. He also developed innovative and effective quality improvement and population health management in partnerships with health care providers and national best-in-class organizations in an integrated, local, community-based health improvement system for a population. Finally, he established and built two successful and profitable provider-owned health maintenance organizations (HMO's).

Since leaving Wellmark in September 2009, Peter formed Roberts Health Solutions LLC, which provides professional consulting services to a variety of healthcare clients, including Medical Provider Delivery Systems, Health Plans, Employers, Pharmacy Benefit Management Companies and Population Health Improvement companies.

- Accountable Care Organization (ACO) Capability Readiness Assessments and Business Planning
- Health Care Reform Strategic and Tactical Planning
- Provider Network Development and Collaboration Initiatives
- Employee Health Benefits and Population Health Program Development
- Business Development Services

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Areas of Practice:

General practice including but not limited to: Workers' Compensation Litigation

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Iowa, 1989 United States District Court for the Northern District of Iowa, 1989 United States District Court for the Southern District of Iowa, 1989 United States Court of Appeals for the 8th Circuit, 1989

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Drake University Law School, Des Moines, Iowa Doctor of Jurisprudence, 1989 Luther College, Decorah, Iowa Bachelor of Arts, Business Management, 1986

Professional Associations and Memberships:

Polk County Bar Association Iowa State Bar Association Member, Workers' Compensation Section Iowa Association of Workers' Compensation Lawyers, Inc. Executive Director, 2001-Present

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Kate has worked at EMC Insurance Companies the past sixteen years, primarily as a Rehabilitation Case Manager assigned to assist workers' compensation claimants during their recovery and return to work. Kate has completed on-site job analysis leading to accurate job descriptions, worked one-on-one with injured workers in their job placement efforts and in the identification of transferable skills. Kate works with employers and physicians to modify jobs for workers with temporary or permanent restrictions. In her case management role, Kate has testified at industrial hearings and completed vocational evaluations and labor market surveys. In 2008, Kate began also working as an Occupational Consultant with Home Office Risk Improvement in the area of Pre-Work Screens and Return to Work Programming for EMC accounts. Prior to her employment with EMC, Kate worked for Iowa Methodist Medical Center (IMMC) as the Department Head for the Low Back Institute and Occupational Analyst for the Occupational Medicine Program. Prior to her work with IMMC, Kate served as a Vocational Consultant and then Branch Manager with Crawford Health and Rehabilitation Services in West Des Moines to include a title of Vocational Expert by the Social Security Administration. Kate is a Certified Rehabilitation Counselor (CRC), a Certified Disability Management Specialist (CDMS) and a Certified Life Care Planner (CLCP). She completed her Master of Arts Degree in Rehabilitation Counseling/Counselor Education in 1979 from the University of Iowa and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Juvenile Corrections/Sociology in 1976 from Oklahoma State University. Kate is a member of the National and Iowa Rehabilitation Associations to include this association's Job Placement Division.

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