



Winner of the 2016 Summa Comp Laude™ Award for Employers is Richard Victor.

The Sedgwick Institute has named workers' compensation expert Richard Victor, Ph.D., as its first senior fellow. Sedgwick established the institute earlier this year to bring together an interdisciplinary community of thought leaders dedicated to elevating the dialogue around issues affecting the risk and benefits industry. As a senior fellow of the Sedgwick Institute, Victor will receive a grant from Sedgwick to pursue research and provide thought leadership on industry issues.

Victor will draw on his extensive background in the workers' compensation arena to primarily focus on the challenges facing U.S. employers, injured workers, lawmakers and practitioners of occupational medicine. "Rick Victor is uniquely suited to help Sedgwick and the risk and benefits community better understand and manage the challenges of our existing workers' compensation and disability systems," said Dave North, Sedgwick president and CEO. "Having a distinguished scholar of Dr. Victor's caliber as our first senior fellow sets a high bar for what we can achieve through the Sedgwick Institute."

Prior to being a Senior Fellow of Sedgwick, Victor founded the Workers Compensation Research Institute and led WCRI since 1983. He is a frequent speaker and author on workers' compensation and health policy issues.

Dr. Victor earned his law degree and Pd.D. in economics at the University of Michigan where he was the George Humphrey Fellow in Law and Economic Policy. Before founding WCRI, he was an Economist at the Rand Corporation in Washington, DC and Santa Monica, CA.

"I am so very honored to receive this recognition and want to thank the DePaolo family and WorkCompCentral. Dave was a force for good in workers' comp and he will be greatly missed." Dr. Victor commented.