

**JUDY L. NEY** has been with DWC in the Houston East Field Office since 2001. From 2001 to 2003, she served as a benefit review officer (BRO). In 2004, she became an administrative law judge (ALJ). She is currently the team lead for ALJs and BROs in the Coastal Region of Hearings. Before joining DWC, she was in private practice concentrating in disabilities law and First Amendment rights. She is a certified mediator. Ms. Ney received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Bradley University, a Master of Arts degree from the University of Missouri-St. Louis, and her law degree from South Texas College of Law. She is recognized as a leader of the State Bar of Texas in promoting professionalism, diversity, and individual rights and has held many positions, including service on various committees as well as the board of directors. She has planned and spoken at numerous continuing legal education programs and was the course director for the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Advanced Workers' Compensation Course in 2016. She was a founding member of the State Bar's workers' compensation section and served as section chair from 2015 to 2016. Ms. Ney received the 2020 Barbed Wire award for her lifetime work achievements in workers' compensation. She has a son and granddaughter who reside in New Orleans, LA.