

2024 REGIONAL EDUCATIONAL SERIES

Viva SBWC: Going All in With Workers' Compensation

8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	Ante Up! Registration	
8:30 a.m. – 8:40 a.m.	Bright Lights, Big City. Welcome and Introduction Welcome and Introduction	Delece A. Brooks – Executive Director Honorable David Imahara – Chief ALJ State Board of Workers' Compensation
8:40 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.	A Word from the King. A discussion of current events at the State Board of Workers' Compensation and an update on the 2023 Legislative session.	Honorable Ben Vinson – Chairman State Board of Workers' Compensation
8:45 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	The House Always Wins! A presentation of recent Case Law decisions.	Honorable David Imahara – <i>Chief ALJ (Moderator)</i> State Board of Workers' Compensation
9:30 a.m. – 10:20 a.m.	Blackjack or Bust: Workers' Compensation Defenses A panel discussion with active audience participation analyzing some of the common (and uncommon) workers comp defenses that are available to employers. These defenses include fighting, intoxication, going to and from work, idiopathic falls and more. Through case scenarios, the panel will highlight those defenses which are a "21", and others that are a bust!	Mark Goodman, Esq. (Moderator) Swift Currie McGhee & Hiers, LLP
10:20 a.m. – 10:25 a.m.	Kids' Chance of Georgia Supporting the children of Georgia's injured workers.	Kids' Chance of Georgia Representative
10:25 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	It's Showtime! Break with the vendors.	
10:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Cutting Your Losses: Know When to Hold 'Em. Know When to Fold 'Em. Our panel and audience discuss the balance of risks in claim decisions, competing interests, avoiding short-term cost saving strategies that increase exposure, and common tools to reduce overall exposure including the Panel of Physicians, Petitions for Medical Treatment, Medical Case Management, Transitional Duty, and Settlement.	Eric Jones, Esq. (Moderator) Tavares & Jones, LLC
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Georgia W.C. Hold 'Em: Playing the Hand You're Dealt. The audience will make decisions along the Public Education Committee members in a fast-paced game of W.C. poker where the facts change with each turn of the card.	Jim Anderson, Esq. (Moderator) Drew Eckl & Farnham, LLP Sy Jenkins Sedgwick
12:30 p.m.	Cashing Out! Prize Drawings & Closing	Sy Jenkins Chair of the Advisory Public Ed. Committee