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Dear Attorneys:

Are you tired of emptying your pockets and having your briefcases searched? Are you running late for court or a mediation only to have to stand in line waiting on others to be scanned for security? The Enforcement Division of the State Board of Workers' Compensation announces its new "Attorney Express Security By-Pass Service.

After a careful study of the best and most economical method of achieving this service while still maintaining the highest level of security for the Board's courtrooms, the Board has chosen to allow any attorney who presents a State Bar of Georgia membership card that includes the attorney's photo to bypass security without search.

Any attorney availing themselves of this service must adhere to the following **RULES**.

1. You must present your Bar Card w/photo to the security officer on duty each time you enter a secured area unless accompanied by Board Staff.

2. You are only allowed in areas open to the general public. You are not allowed in areas reserved for Board Staff unless accompanied by Board Staff.

3. Although you present your Bar Card, you may still be subject to random screening at the discretion of the security officer.

4. By availing yourself of this service you affirm you will possess no weapons or items that might cause serious harm to another if used for offensive or defensive purposes. Examples of contraband items are as follows:

Firearms Knives (box-cutters, razors)

Taser Devices Defensive Chemical Spray (Mace or OC)

Slapsticks, batons, brass knuckles, etc

Flammable liquids and explosive devices

Any attorney who deliberately violates any of these rules or attempts to bring any contraband on Board property as set forth above shall lose their Security privileges as well as face potential disciplinary action.

The Board takes security of its staff and guests very seriously. We also believe the attorneys who practice before the Board are very professional and can be trusted to follow the Board's rules of conduct regarding security.

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Many of you may already have a State Bar Photo ID. If so, you may immediately begin using it to bypass security. If not, to obtain a photo ID from the State Bar of Georgia, go to www.gabar.org and click on Member Login where you will type in your username and password. Scroll down to “visit the store.” Under the heading of Membership, click “Photo ID Card” and follow the instructions for submitting a photo and payment.

If you have any questions regarding this new service being offered by the Board, please contact me directly at (404) 656-0848

Sincerely,

Melinda M. Vigna
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