

STATE BOARD OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION
2024 REGIONAL EDUCATIONAL SERIES

PRESENTS:

Going All In With
Workers' Compensation!

The Honorable Ben Vinson, Chairman of the State Board of Workers' Compensation, along with Board Directors, Honorable Frank R. McKay and Honorable Neera Bahl, and Executive Director, Delece A. Brooks, will visit select cities throughout Georgia as part of the 2024 Regional Educational Series. Under their leadership, the Board will host four in-person seminars providing valuable information for employers, insurers/self-insurers, human resource and risk managers, insurance claims adjusters, rehabilitation specialists, medical service providers, case managers, workers' compensation attorneys, paralegals, and other Workers' Compensation system participants.

The program will include an address from the Chairman highlighting legislative and Board Rule changes in addition to the annual case law update from local administrative law judges, claimants' and defense attorneys explaining recent developments in Georgia law. Additionally, the Chairman's Advisory Public Education Committee – composed of workers' compensation industry experts, will present informative, exciting, and energetic presentations on topics such as current events at the State Board of Workers' Compensation, audience and panel discussions of common and uncommon workers' compensation defenses, the balance of risks in claim decisions, the Panel of Physicians, medical case management, transitional duty, in addition to a fun and interactive question and answer segment on various workers' compensation matters! Audience participation is encouraged, and the format provides opportunities for attendees to obtain general information or answers to specific questions they may have.

Registration, sponsorship, and CEU information is available on our website at www.sbcw.georgia.gov. Call 404-656-5656 or email williamsh@sbwc.ga.gov for questions.



DATES & CITIES

April 17, 2024 - Macon

MACON MARRIOTT CITY CENTER

April 24, 2024 - Cartersville

CLARENCE BROWN CONFERENCE CENTER

May 3, 2024 - Lawrenceville

GWINNETT TECHNICAL COLLEGE – BUSBEE CENTER

May 8, 2024 - Savannah

THE ARMSTRONG CENTER

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?



This program will be beneficial to any individual involved in the workers' compensation process including:

- ▶ Employees
- ▶ Employers/Self-Insurers
- ▶ Human Resource Personnel
- ▶ Insurance Agents/Claims Professionals/Workers' Comp. Adjusters/Clerks
- ▶ Rehabilitation Specialists/Nurses/Occupational Health Nurses
- ▶ Medical Service Providers/Office Personnel
- ▶ Hospital Claims Personnel
- ▶ Attorneys/Paralegals
- ▶ Safety and Risk Managers

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You can attend this informative seminar for only \$100.00! This includes all continuing education credits for submitted and approved applications, course handouts and a continental breakfast.

Continuing Education applications have been submitted to the following organizations:

- SHRM – 3.25 PDCs
- HRCI – 3.25 General Credits
- Georgia Nurses Association – 3.4 Contact Hours
- Insurance Commissioner's Office – 4.0 Property & Casualty Hours
- State Bar of Georgia – 3.0 Trial Hours
- CRCC – 3.25 General Credits
- CCMC – 3.25 General Credits
- CDMS – 3.25 General Credits

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Follow for CEU approval updates and for Sponsorship Opportunities!

Accreditation forms will be available at the completion of the program.

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The State Board of Workers' Compensation Presents

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- Chairman's State of the Board
- Legislative & Case Law Updates
- Common & Affirmative Defenses
- Medical Issues
- Controlling Costs
- Medical Case Management
- Return-to-Work

Dates & Locations

- Wednesday, April 17, 2024 – Macon, GA
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- Friday, May 3, 2024 – Lawrenceville, GA
- Wednesday, May 8, 2024 – Savannah, GA

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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	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 2024 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 – Chief ALJ (Moderator) State Board of Workers' Compensation SBWC Local Administrative Law Judge Claimant Attorney / Defense Attorney
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 – Visit 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 Public Education Committee Members Claimant Attorney / Defense Attorney
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 with the Public Education Committee members in a fast-paced game of workers' compensation poker where the facts change with each turn of the card.	Jim Anderson, Esq. (Moderator) Drew Eckl & Farnham, LLP Public Education Committee Members
12:30 p.m.	Cashing Out! Prize Drawings & Closing	Sy Jenkins Sedgwick Chair of the Advisory Public Education Committee

WELCOME
VIVA SBWC!

SEMINAR DATES & LOCATIONS

April 17, 2024
Macon, GA
Macon Marriott City Center
240 Coliseum Drive
Macon, Georgia 31217
478-621-5300

April 24, 2024
Cartersville, GA
Clarence Brown Conference Center
5450 Georgia Highway 20
Cartersville, Georgia 30121
770-606-5763

May 3, 2024
Lawrenceville, GA
Gwinnett Technical College
The Busbee Center – Bldg. 700
5150 Sugarloaf Parkway
Lawrenceville, Georgia 30043
678-226-6687

May 8, 2024
Savannah, GA
The Armstrong Center
13040 Abercorn Street
Savannah, Georgia 31419
912-478-8883

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If you have a disability and need assistance or accommodation to participate, please notify us at 404.656.5656.

Cancellation and Refund Policy: Cancellation of preregistration must be made before 4:30 p.m., five working days prior to the seminar. Substitution of personnel is recommended in lieu of cancellation after that date. The full registration fee will be forfeited if you fail to attend or cancel timely.

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