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## Georgia Workers' Compensation



# Our System Is Out Of This World!

**August 28 -30, 2017**

**Hyatt Regency Atlanta Hotel  
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## Workers' Compensation: Our System Is Out Of This World!

### DATES

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### LOCATION

Hyatt Regency Atlanta Hotel  
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404-577-1234 or 1-800-421-1442  
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Conference Rate \$150.00 + tax

### WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Employers, company benefit administrators, insurer and self-insurer adjusters/clerks, risk managers, safety/human resource directors, employee/employer attorneys and paralegals, rehabilitation suppliers, case managers, and medical providers (physicians, nurses, occupational health clinic staff) are encouraged to attend. Every attendee will benefit from the outstanding and knowledgeable faculty.

### CONFERENCE RATE & REGISTRATION

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National industry suppliers will showcase services in the exhibit hall. This year's exhibitors represent a wide range of suppliers, including rehabilitation centers, industrial medical clinics, medical equipment companies, investigators, transportation and translation companies, case management groups and pain-management facilities.

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### Keynote Speaker:



**Colonel Mike Mullane  
(USAF, Ret.)**

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### Special Notes

\*In order to receive continuing education credits for the entire program, you must sign the roster for your appropriate organization at the CEU tables **each morning** of the conference. Doing so will allow the SBWC staff to accurately report your attendance.

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**MONDAY, AUGUST 28, 2017**

7:30a.m. – 8:30a.m. Registration  
 7:30a.m. – 6:00p.m. Exhibit Hall Open  
 8:00a.m. – 6:00p.m. Kids' Chance of GA Silent Auction  
 8:30a.m. – 9:15a.m. Welcome & Award Presentations  
 9:30a.m. – 12:00p.m. General Session  
 12:00p.m. – 1:15p.m. Lunch on your Own  
 1:15p.m. – 4:45p.m. Concurrent Sessions  
 5:00p.m. – 6:00p.m. Meet the Exhibitors Reception

## GENERAL SESSION

★ "Georgia, we have a problem." The opioid epidemic and the workers' compensation patient: Are prescription guidelines necessary for opioids?

Hon. Frank R. McKay, Chairman, (SBWC); Victor Chin, M.D.; John D. Christy, Esq.; Kerri Crosby; Greg Gilbert, MBA, CPAM; Michelle Lutz Hays; Mark Pew; Robert R. Potter, Esq.; Don Teater, M.D.; Craig Weil, M.D.

## LEGAL SESSION

Todd Maziar, Esq. (Moderator)

★ Mapping out the solar system: Your gateway for navigating the ever changing workers' compensation planet.

Scott Christopher, Esq.; David M. Gram, Esq.

★ "Houston, do we have a problem?" An explanation of potential differences between company policy and the Georgia Workers' Compensation Act and how to solve the conflicts.

Joshua A. Carroll, Esq.; Crystal P. McElrath, Esq.; Kathy Rivers

★ The force is with you: An update from the Georgia State Board of Workers' Compensation Enforcement Division.

Stan Bexley, Div. Director-Enforcement (SBWC)

★ "Captain Kirk, can we break through the force field ahead?" How to circumvent an impasse between the parties to a workers' compensation claim.

Sherrill N. Britt, Esq.; Jennifer Jarvis, Esq.; Beth Randolph, CWCP

## MULTI-STATE LEGAL SESSION

★ Prepare yourself for life in other galaxies: Familiarize yourself with the workers' compensation rules and laws in Georgia, Alabama, Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee.

Fred R. Green, Esq.; Michael L. Haynie, Esq.; Kyle L. Kinney, Esq.; Jason W. Lockhart; Richard B. Robbins, Esq.; Robert B. Starnes, Esq.

★ Match Game: Match the top answers from our panel of experts in a series of workers' compensation scenarios.

Hon. David Imahara, Chief ALJ (SBWC); Jim Anderson, Esq.; Leesa Bohler, Esq.; Eric Jones, Esq.

## CASE MANAGEMENT & REHABILITATION SESSION

To explore new, strange worlds: Ancillary care in workers' compensation.

Dr. Sharon Berger, FCOVD; Tabitha Harris, PT, DPT, OCS; Michelle Lutz Hays; Dr. Edward Mills, D.D.S.; Wendy Yuen

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 29, 2017**

7:30a.m. – 8:30a.m. Registration  
 7:30a.m. – 6:00p.m. Exhibit Hall Open  
 8:00a.m. – 6:00p.m. Kids' Chance of GA Silent Auction  
 9:00a.m. – 4:30p.m. Concurrent Sessions  
 12:00p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Lunch on your Own  
 4:30p.m. – 6:00p.m. Chairman's Reception

## MEDICAL BREAKFAST & LEARN

★ Exploring an alternative universe: A CEU exploring acupuncture, dry needling and cupping as alternative options for treating pain in the workers' compensation patient.

Katie Abebe, PT; Dr. Byeong Hyun, D.C., L Ac; Craig Weil, M.D. (RSVP to <http://whoozin.com/9A6-EAE-YFXE>)

## CASE MANAGEMENT & REHABILITATION SESSION

★ Approved for the mission: Updates to catastrophic designation and regulations of rehabilitation case management.

Carla Williams Collier; Deborah Krotenberg, Esq., Division Director (SBWC); Kevin Skedsvold, Esq.; Karen Sprouse; Suzanne Tambasco, RN, MEd, CCM

★ The doctor's guide to the galaxy: Lessons taught to a doctor by his patients.

David Barnes, CWCP; Scott A. Kelly, M.D.

## LEGAL SESSION

Brown W. Dennis, Jr., Esq. (Moderator)

★ "Ground Control to Major Tom. What can a Case Manager do and not do in the typical, non-catastrophic claim?"

Marvin Price, Esq.; Todd Handelman, Esq.; Lynda Snyder Smith

★ An explanation behind some of the delays called by mission control.

Hon. Sharon Reeves (SBWC); Brian Buckelew, Esq.; Carl McCalla Esq.

★ The final countdown: Live Appellate Division Arguments!

Hon. Frank R. McKay; Hon. Elizabeth A. Gobeil; Hon. Benjamin J. Vinson

## EDI SESSION

★ EDI: The Next Generation! A discussion on how to file claims through the EDI system and upcoming changes.

Bobby Allen, Div. Director-IT Services (SBWC)  
 Pam Carter, Asst. Div. Director-IT Services (SBWC)

## MEDICAL LUNCH & LEARN

★ The fifth element: The Medical Committee presents the 5th annual team trivia.

Cannon Alsobrook, Esq.; Craig Weil, M.D. (RSVP to <http://whoozin.com/AK9-RW4-KY6V>)

## MEDICAL SESSION

Dr. Robert Howell (Moderator)

★ Lost in space: A look into the transition from opioids to heroin and illicit drugs.

Gaylord Lopez, PharmD, DABAT

★ To infinity and beyond: A star-filled show on workplace safety and prevention.

Carolyn Lawson, PT, FOC, ART-CERT; Leah Cozzo, MPT, ART-CERT, OCS

## WCRI SESSION

★ A discussion on recent CompScope™ studies and WCRI (Workers' Compensation Research Institute) research findings in Georgia.

Laure L. Lamey – Regional Director

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## INSURANCE/SELF-INSURANCE SESSION

★ When the planets are out of alignment you may feel that your WC settlement is "lost in space": Dual exposures – when WC and employment matters become intertwined.

Chuck DuBose, Esq.; Jim Long, Esq.; Rodney McColloch, Esq.; Wendy Vinard, PHR

★ "Mission control – we have some technical difficulties on approach. We are lost. Houston, we need you": Common perceptions and misconceptions of the workers' compensation system.

Hon. Nicole Tivverman (SBWC); Kerri Crosby; Wayne Kelley, Jr., M.D.; Rodney McColloch, Esq.; Bruce Moseley; Burt Tillman, Esq.

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Robert B. Starnes, Esq.

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30, 2017**

7:30a.m. – 8:30a.m. Registration  
 8:00a.m. – 11:30a.m. Exhibit Hall Open  
 8:45a.m. – 9:00a.m. Opening Remarks  
 9:00a.m. – 1:30p.m. Ethics Session

## ETHICS SESSION

★ May the force be with you: Fighting untruths, half-truths and omissions in discovery and settlement negotiations.

Kelly A. Benedict, Esq.; Leesa A. Bohler, Esq.; Tom Clements, Esq.; Steven L. Head, Esq.; Humberto Izquierdo, Esq.

★ Return of the Jedi: Medical Case Management.

Ela Orenstein Basto, Esq.; Dr. Erik T. Bendiks; Mark Gannon, Esq.; Tom Holder, Esq.; Cynthia Nunery, RN, MSN, CRRN, CCM; Benson Ward, Esq.

## Ethics in the Final Frontier.



### Keynote Speaker

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