TENNESSEE WORKERS' COMPENSATION APPEALS BOARD

Oral Argument Docket

January 19, 2027

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Timothy W. Conner, Presiding Judge
Pele I. Godkin, Judge
Meredith B. Weaver, Judge

Oral Argument is limited to **twenty-five minutes** per side unless otherwise directed by the Appeals Board.

Olivia Yearwood, Clerk

ARGUMENTS TO BE HELD IN THE COURTROOM:

Tennessee Supreme Court Building
401 Seventh Avenue North
Nashville, TN 37219

Oral Argument Docket

Tuesday, January 19, 2027
10:00 A.M. Session

1. OSCAR LEITON VILLALOBOS V. STEVENS & SONS, INC., ARGONAUT MIDWEST INSURANCE COMPANY, AND GREAT AMERICAN ALLIANCE INSURANCE COMPANY

Docket No. 2022-06-1511 & 2025-60-0790
Attorneys:

Appellant: Stevens & Sons, Inc.; Great American Alliance Ins. Co.
Connor R. Sestak
Appellant: Argonaut Midwest Insurance Company
Garett P. Franklyn
Appellee: Oscar Leiton Villalobos
Lauren B. Ray

Court of Workers' Compensation Claims: Nashville
Judge: Lisa A. Lowe

2. YOLANDA JOHNSON V. PARALLON ENTERPRISES, LLC

Docket No. 2025-60-7500
Attorneys:

Appellant: Yolanda Johnson
Adam C. Brock-Dagnan
Appellee: Parallon Enterprises, LLC
Catheryne L. Grant

Court of Workers' Compensation Claims: Nashville
Judge: Dale A. Tipps

Tuesday, January 19, 2027
1:00 P.M. Session

3. TAYLOR ROGERS V. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM REPAIR GROUP, LLC

Docket No. 2026-30-1244
Attorneys:

Appellant: Structural System Repair Group, LLC
Kenneth D. Veit
Appellee: Taylor Rogers
R. Christopher Gilreath

Court of Workers' Compensation Claims: Knoxville
Judge: Lisa A. Lowe

4. CANDACE JONES V. CRITICAL NURSE STAFFING, LLC/CNS CARES

Docket No. 2024-03-4429
Attorneys:

Appellant: Candace Jones
Timothy A. Roberto
Appellee: Critical Nurse Staffing, LLC/CNS Cares
Nicholas J. Peterson
J. Daniel Cowell

Court of Workers' Compensation Claims: Knoxville
Judge: Pamela B. Johnson

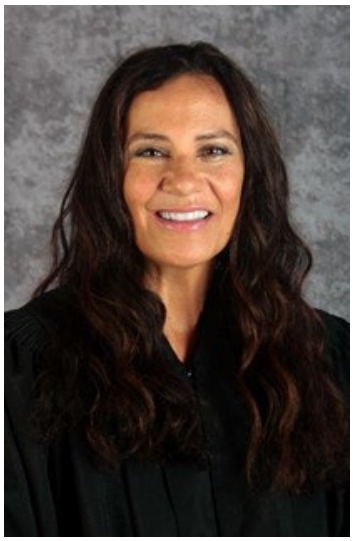
Workers' Compensation Appeals Board Judges



Timothy W. Conner

is the presiding judge of the Tennessee Workers' Compensation Appeals Board, where he has served since August 2014. Prior to that, Judge Conner practiced law for twenty-two years in the areas of workers' compensation and general liability defense. He has taught various courses at the University of Tennessee College of Law (2013-19) and Lincoln Memorial University's Duncan School of Law (2017-present). Judge Conner received his bachelor's degree from Boston University and his J.D. from Wake Forest University School of Law. He is a member of the Tennessee and Knoxville Bar Associations, the National Association of Workers' Compensation Judiciary, the College of Workers' Compensation Lawyers, and the Hamilton Burnett American Inn of Court.

Pele I. Godkin



was appointed to the Tennessee Workers' Compensation Appeals Board by Governor Bill Lee on January 14, 2020. Judge Godkin began her practice in Tennessee with the Tennessee Bureau of Workers' Compensation, formerly known as the Division of Workers' Compensation, shortly after the 2004 workers' compensation reform. Judge Godkin entered private practice in 2008 where she practiced law in the areas of workers' compensation and general liability defense. She received her bachelor's degree from Central Washington University and her law degree from Seattle University School of Law. She is a member of the Nashville and Tennessee Bar Associations, The Belmont University College of Law American Inn of Court, and the National Association of Workers' Compensation Judiciary.



Meredith Balthrop Weaver

was appointed to the Appeals Board by Governor Bill Lee in June of 2022. Prior to that, she worked for 17 years in the private sector, primarily in workers' compensation, employment law, and general liability defense. A Tennessee native, she went to Auburn University for her undergraduate degree in communications. She returned to her native state to obtain her law degree from University of Tennessee and remained in Knoxville following graduation. While in private practice, she was on the Board for CASA of East Tennessee and served in other civic community groups as well. She currently serves in various capacities on the Boards for her children's schools and is active in the Knoxville Bar Association, as well as the East Tennessee Lawyers' Association for Women. She is also a member of the Tennessee Bar Association and the National Association of Workers' Compensation Judiciary.