



# **GWCA FALL CONFERENCE 2022**

Tuesday, October 11th



**State Bar  
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Lawyers Serving the Public and the Justice System



The Fall GWCA one day conference is filled with dynamic and innovative speakers, insightful panel discussions and plenty of opportunities for learning and networking. This is a unique opportunity to connect with peers and visionaries from across the state of Georgia who are working to deliver better services, engage employers and improve Workers' Compensation outcomes. [[REGISTER HERE](#)]

## **AGENDA**

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| <b>8:00 am</b>             | <b>Exhibitor Setup</b>   |
| <b>8:00 am – 8:45 am</b>   | <b>Registration and Breakfast</b>  |
| <b>8:45 am – 9:00 am</b>   | <b>Opening Remarks</b><br>Elizabeth Smith, GWCA Vice-Chairman  |
| <b>9:00 am – 10:00 am</b>  | <b>Legislative Update</b><br>Judge Ben Vinson, Chairman<br>Georgia State Board of Workers' Compensation<br><br>Scott Tanner, Vice President<br>Joe Tanner & Associates             |
| <b>10:00 am – 10:15 am</b> | <b>Break   Visit with Vendors</b>  |
| <b>10:15 am - 11:15 am</b> | <b>Pre-Existing Conditions and Workers' Compensation</b><br>W. Jonathan Martin, II<br>Constangy Brooks, Smith & Prophete LLP<br><br>Fred L Hubbs, Partner<br>Hall Booth Smith, LLP |
| <b>11:15 am – 11:30 am</b> | <b>Break   Visit with Vendors</b>  |

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| 11:30 am – 12:30 pm | <b>I've Been Everywhere Man</b><br><b>Handling Traveling Employee and Remote Worker Claims</b><br>Dustin Thompson, Partner<br>Swift/Currie  |
| 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm  | <b>Lunch / Panel Discussion</b><br><br><b>Workers' Compensation Cost Containment</b><br><i>Controlling and Reducing Workers' Compensation Cost</i><br>J. Benson Ward<br>Drew Eckl & Farnham<br><br>Barbara Barrett, Risk Manager<br>Langdale Industries<br><br>Panel: TBA |
| 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm   | <b>Evidence-Based Treatment, Return-to-Work, and Reserving at the Claim Level</b><br>Phil LeFevre, Managing Director<br>ODG   |
| 3:00 pm – 3:15 pm   | <b>Break   Visit with Vendors</b>   |
| 3:15 pm – 4:15 pm   | <b>Safety and Prevention</b><br><i>Establishing Safety Culture</i><br>Gene Scott, Safety Professional   |
| 4:15pm              | <b>Closing Remarks</b><br>Elizabeth Smith, GWCA Vice-Chairman   |

## NOTES