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2 ETHICS HOURS
1 PROFESSIONALISM HOUR
3 TRIAL PRACTICE HOURS
THURSDAY
OCTOBER 5, 2017

7:30 REGISTRATION AND CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
(All attendees must check in upon arrival. A jacket or sweater is recommended.)

8:25 WELCOME & PROGRAM OVERVIEW
Gregg M. Porter, Chair, Workers’ Compensation Section, State Bar of Georgia; Savell & Williams LLP, Atlanta

8:30 STATE OF THE BOARD & LEGISLATIVE UPDATES
Hon. Frank R. McKay, Appellate Division Judge, Chairman, State Board of Workers’ Compensation, Atlanta

9:00 IDIOPATHIC INJURIES
Paul M. Knott, Paul M. Knott, P.C., Macon
Neal B. Childers, Goodman McGuffey LLP, Atlanta
Hon. Johnny W. Mason, Jr., Administrative Law Judge, State Board of Workers’ Compensation, Atlanta

10:00 OPIOID ABUSE TRENDS IN WORKERS’ COMPENSATION
Suzanne Tambasco, RN, BSN, MED, CCM, CRNR, COHNS, MSCC, LNCC, NCLCP, DNP/NP, Student MUSC, Senior Consultant, MMI Medical Management Services, Alpharetta
Mark Pew, Senior Vice President, PRIUM, Atlanta
Hon. Sharon H. Reeves, Administrative Law Judge, State Board of Workers’ Compensation, Macon

10:45 BREAK

11:00 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

11:30 APPELLATE DIVISION DECISIONS OF INTEREST
George L. Parson, Dodson & Associates, Alpharetta
Todd K. Maziar, Morgan & Morgan, Atlanta
Hon. Elizabeth D. Gobeil, Appellate Division Judge, Director, State Board of Workers’ Compensation, Savannah

12:15 AGGRAVATION OF PRE-EXISTING CONDITIONS AND BIG LOTS V. KIKER
C. Jason Perkins, Executive Committee Member, Workers’ Compensation Law Section, State Bar of Georgia; Perkins Studdard LLC, Carrollton
Hon. Richard H. Sapp, III, Administrative Law Judge, State Board of Workers’ Compensation, Atlanta
John D. Blair, Levy, Sibley, Foreman & Speir, LLC, Columbus

1:00 RECESS

2:00 TENNIS TOURNAMENT

7:00-11:00 KIDS’ CHANCE AUCTION AND DINNER
The Kids’ Chance Auction and Dinner will be held from 7:00–11:00pm at:
The King & Prince Beach & Golf Resort
201 Arnold Road
St. Simons Island, GA, 31522
912-638-3631

HOW TO REGISTER
web site: kidschancega.org/events
e-mail: info@kidschancega.org
phone: 770-933-7767

Kids’ Chance is a non-profit charity originally developed by the Workers’ Compensation Law Section of the State Bar of Georgia and provides educational funding to children of injured workers.

All proceeds go to support Kids’ Chance of Georgia.
FRIDAY
OCTOBER 6, 2017

8:00  CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

8:30  WHY SPINAL FUSIONS FAIL
Thomas J. Morrison, III, M.D., Polaris Spine and Neurosurgery Center, Atlanta

9:30  CASE LAW UPDATE
Hastings H. Johnston, Bovis Kyle Burch & Medlin LLC, Atlanta
Brian K. Cunha, Slappey & Sadd LLC, Atlanta
Hon. Kimberly Stone Boehm, Administrative Law Judge, State Board of Workers’ Compensation, Atlanta

10:15  ETHICAL DO’S AND DON’TS – ALJ PERSPECTIVES
Hon. Melodie L. Belcher, Administrative Law Judge, State Board of Workers’ Compensation, Columbus
Hon. William S. “Bill” Cain, Jr., Administrative Law Judge, State Board of Workers’ Compensation, Columbus
Hon. Andrea R. Mitchell, Administrative Law Judge, State Board of Workers’ Compensation, Atlanta
Hon. Nicole D. Tifverman, Administrative Law Judge, State Board of Workers’ Compensation, Savannah

10:45  BREAK

11:00  ISSUES WITH MEDICAL CARE UNDER TITLE 34
Sheryl Swain, M.Ed, CRC, CCM, Catastrophic Rehabilitation Supplier, Taylor & Associates, Inc., Atlanta
Marc R. Rosenberg, Marci R. Rosenberg, P.C., Dunwoody
Russell C. Wallace, Wallace Law Group, PC, Valdosta
David D. Hubbell M.D., Georgia Bone & Joint Surgeons, Cartersville

11:45  5 THINGS I WOULD CHANGE ABOUT WORKERS’ COMPENSATION (OBSERVATIONS ABOUT A POST 1992 WORLD IN GEORGIA)
Robert E. Bourne, Bourne Law Firm, Cumming
Thomas L. “Tom” Holder, Long & Holder LLP, Atlanta
Jennifer H. “Jenny” Chapin, Savell & Williams LLP, Atlanta
Kevin O. Skedsvold, Skedsvold & White LLC, Atlanta

SATURDAY
OCTOBER 7, 2017

8:00  CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

8:30  THE INTERPLAY BETWEEN SSDI AND WORKERS’ COMPENSATION
W. Bradley “Brad” Holcombe, Swift Currie McGhee & Hiers LLP, Atlanta
Ellene Welsh, Ellene Welsh, P.C., Douglasville

9:15  DISCOVERY AND EVIDENTIARY ISSUES UNDER TITLE 34
Leesa A. Bohler, Moore Clarke DuVall & Rodgers PC, Savannah
Stephen H. Brown, Hollington Brown LLP, Augusta

10:00  ISSUES WHICH ARISE DURING AND AFTER SETTLEMENT
David M. Kay, Division Director, Settlement Division, State Board of Workers’ Compensation, Atlanta
Heather D. Froy, Susan J. Sadow PC, Atlanta
Ryan V. Klee, Drew Eckl & Farnham LLP, Atlanta

10:45  BREAK

11:00  PROBATE ISSUES IN WORKERS’ COMPENSATION
Ruthann P. Lacey, Ruthann P. Lacey, P.C., Tucker

11:45  EFFECTIVE MEDIATION AND NEGOTIATION TOOLS, TACTICS AND STRATEGIES
Humberto Izquierdo, Jr., Law Offices of Humberto Izquierdo, Jr., Cumming
Alan J. Marks, Marks Mediation LLC, Mableton

12:45  ADJOURN
INSTITUTE LOCATION

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