



2018 New Judges' College "Boot Camp"

March 1 - 2, 2018

The Tennessee Bureau of Workers' Compensation
220 French Landing Drive, Nashville, TN 37243

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March 1, 2018

- 8:30 – 8:45 am** **Introduction**
Hon. Jennifer Hopens (Texas) (NAWCJ-President)
- 9:00 – 10:00 am** **Orientation, Origins and Key Principles of Workers' Compensation**
Hon. Jennifer Hopens (Texas) (NAWCJ-President); Hon. David Torrey (Pennsylvania)
- 10:00 – 10:15 am** **Break**
- 10:30 – 11:15 am** **From Advocate to Adjudicator – Learning to Think Differently**
Hon. Wesley Marshall (Virginia); Hon. David Imahara (Georgia); Hon. Michael W. Alvey (Kentucky)
- 11:15 – 12:15 pm** **Preparation for Hearings/Trials and Evaluation of Evidence**
Hon. Pamela B. Johnson (Tennessee); Hon. LuAnn Haley (Arizona)
- 12:15 – 1:00 pm** **Lunch (working)**
Multi-state Panel – Understanding Issues in Other Jurisdictions
Hon. LuAnn Haley (Arizona); Hon. Jennifer Hopens (Texas); Hon. Dwight T. Lovan (Kentucky)
- 1:00 – 2:00 pm** **Conduct of Pre-hearing Conferences, Status Conferences and Hearings, Including Dealing with Common Evidentiary Issues/Objections and Promoting Due Process**
Hon. Douglas W. Gott (Kentucky); Hon. James Szablewicz (Virginia); Hon. Dale Tipps (Tennessee)
- 2:00 – 2:15 pm** **Break**
- 2:15 – 3:15 pm** **Conduct of Pre-hearing Conferences, Status Conferences and Hearings, Including Dealing with Common Evidentiary Issues/Objections and Promoting Due Process (cont'd)**
- 3:15 – 3:30 pm** **Break**
- 3:30 – 5:00 pm** **Judicial Writing – Basic Writing Principles for Preparing Orders**
Matt Hearn, Ph.D. (Tennessee) (professor at Lipscomb University);
Elizabeth Usman, J.D. (Tennessee) (professor at Belmont University School of Law)
- 7:00 pm** **Dinner**
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March 2, 2018

- 8:30 – 9:30 am** **Writing Effective Decisions and Creating an Appellate Record**
Hon. Marshall Davidson (Tennessee)
- 9:30 – 10:15 am** **Ethics for Judges – Can You Have Friends Anymore?**
Hon. Melodie Belcher (Georgia); Hon. David Langham (Florida); Hon. Karl Aumann (Maryland)
- 10:15 – 10:30 am** **Break**
- 10:30 – 11:15 am** **Understanding Medicine – Common Workers' Compensation Injuries and How to Read the Records and Understand the Doctor's Deposition**
Dr. Robert Snyder (Tennessee)
- 11:15 – 11:45 am** **Settlements**
Hon. Deborah Blevins (Virginia); Hon. Robert L. Swisher (Kentucky)
- 11:45 – 12:30 pm** **Dealing with Unrepresented Litigants and Difficult Litigants – Cultural Issues**
Hon. Robert Himmel (Virginia); Hon. Jane Rice Williams (Kentucky)
- 12:30 – 12:35 pm** **Closing remarks**
Hon. Jennifer Hopens (Texas)