



Workers Comp  
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AUGUST 15 – 17  
2022

Embassy Suites Hotel  
MURFREESBORO, TN  
(SE NASHVILLE)

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25<sup>TH</sup> TENNESSEE  
WORKERS' COMPENSATION  
**Educational  
Conference**

IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE  
INTERNATIONAL WORKERS' COMPENSATION FOUNDATION, INC.

**BWIC**  
Bureau of WORKERS'  
COMPENSATION

# 2022 Tennessee Workers' Compensation Conference Schedule

## Monday, Aug 15

9:30 AM Pre-Conference REWARD  
Meeting for Employers  
10 AM Registration Opens  
11 AM Pre-Conference Session for  
Attorneys  
1 PM Opening Comments  
1:30 PM Keynote Speaker  
& General Sessions  
4:30 PM Adjourn to  
Conference Reception

## Tuesday, Aug 16

7 AM Breakfast (Provided)  
8 AM General Sessions  
12:15 PM Sue Ann Head Award  
Announcement / Lunch (Provided)  
1:30 PM General Session  
3:15 PM Breakout Sessions  
4:30 PM Adjourn

## Wednesday, Aug 17

7 AM Breakfast (Provided)  
8 AM Breakout Sessions  
9:30 AM General Sessions  
12 PM Adjourn  
12:30 PM Retirement Luncheon  
Honoring Administrator  
Abbie Hudgens\*

*\* Separate Ticket Required. Proceeds Benefit Kids' Chance of Tennessee*

## Session Topics Include:

- Improving Communications to Improve Outcomes
- State of the System 50 years after the National Commission's Report on Workmen's Comp
- NIOSH's Total Worker Health Approach to Recovery
- Using Wearable Technology to Reduce Injuries and Speed Recovery
- Case Law Update
- Ethics for Attorneys and Nurse Case Managers
- Stand Alone Work-related Mental Injuries
- From Injury to Settlement—Navigating Tennessee's Workers' Comp System
- Plus 6 different Breakout Sessions

View all session details and speaker bios at [tn.gov/workers-comp-conference](https://tn.gov/workers-comp-conference).

## Who should attend?

Anyone who is involved in or has an interest in Tennessee workers' comp claims. This would include Employers, HR Managers, Nurse Case Managers, Plaintiff and Defense Attorneys, Insurance Adjusters, Self-Insurers and Third-Party Administrators, Safety Engineers and Risk Managers, Physicians, Physical Therapists and other Health Care Providers, Mediators, Medical and Vocational Rehabilitation Providers, and anyone with a professional interest in workers' compensation—all are encouraged to attend so that they can obtain valuable information about Tennessee's system.

## Continuing Education Credits

Participants may be eligible for up to approximately 12 hours of continuing education credits. Applications are pending for CDMS, CCM, CLE, SHRM, mediator, and insurance provider continuing education credits. A certificate of attendance will be provided for other professional disciplines.

# You're invited to attend any of the conference **Special Events**

## **REWARD Program Brunch For Employers**

MONDAY AT 9:45 AM IN CAMBRIDGE AB

Pre-Conference Session with Dr. James Talmage, who will talk about how employers can better work with the physicians who are caring for their injured employees to help them return to work sooner.

[Employer RSVP](#)

(Reservations are free but required.)

## **Judicial Ethics and Civil Public Discourse for Attorneys**

MONDAY AT 11 AM IN OAKLEIGH

Pre-Conference Session with Hon. Alberto Gonzales, Former U.S. Attorney General and current Dean of the Belmont College of Law, who will discuss the Code of Judicial Conduct regarding judge-lawyer interaction, healthy communication, and models for the broader civic community.

## **Auction to Benefit Kids' Chance of Tennessee**

ONGOING DURING THE CONFERENCE

Kids' Chance is a non-profit that provides scholarships to young people who have had a parent catastrophically injured or killed in a work-related accident.

To donate an item for the auction, contact [suzy.douglas@tn.gov](mailto:suzy.douglas@tn.gov).

The auction will be open on Monday and Tuesday during the conference.

## **Sue Ann Head Award Winner Announcement / Luncheon**

TUESDAY AT 12:15 PM IN OAKLEIGH

The Bureau will announce the winner of the Sue Ann Head Award for Innovation and Excellence in Tennessee Workers' Compensation during this luncheon.

The award honors the legacy of Administrator Sue Ann Head, who served the agency for more than 40 years before passing away in 2018.

## **Retirement Luncheon Honoring the Accomplishments and Impact of Administrator Abbie Hudgens**

WEDNESDAY AT 12:30 PM IN OAKLEIGH BALLROOM



Abbie Hudgens has announced her retirement effective August 31<sup>st</sup>. Please join us to celebrate her accomplishments and to wish her a long, happy, and healthy retirement. **(Separate ticket required).**

**Purchase your tickets at: [bit.ly/abbie-lunch](https://bit.ly/abbie-lunch)**

*Proceeds from this event will benefit Kids' Chance of Tennessee.*

Unable to attend? You can still donate at the link above.

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## CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

Registration Fees: ☐ **\$400** per person *paid on or before July 29*  
(check one) ☐ **\$450** *paid July 30 or later*

*Registration also includes two continental breakfasts, conference luncheon, conference reception, access to materials, continuing education credits, and admission to exhibit hall.*

- 1. Payment by Credit Card** (MasterCard, VISA, or American Express) go to [compevent.com/tennessee](https://compevent.com/tennessee) (credit cards only).
- 2. Payment by Check** Complete, copy and return this form for each attendee, along with a check made payable to the IWCF (International Workers' Compensation Foundation, Inc.) and mail to the IWCF, 570 Memorial Circle, Suite 320, Ormond Beach, FL 32174.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please specify if you are an: ☐ Attorney ☐ Employer ☐ Case Manager ☐ Adjuster  
☐ Union ☐ Health Care Provider ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Materials** – Materials will be available to view or download prior to the conference at [tn.gov/workers-comp-conference](https://tn.gov/workers-comp-conference).

**Lodging** – The spacious Embassy Suites Nashville SE Hotel is located at 1200 Conference Center Blvd., Murfreesboro, TN 37129, less than 35 minutes from the airport & 30 minutes from downtown Nashville. A block of rooms has been reserved at the rate of \$179 (king) or \$189 (2 queens) plus applicable taxes. This rate will be available through **July 15, 2022**, unless this block becomes fully reserved prior to this date. Register early by calling the hotel's direct number, (800) 445 8667 (hold times may be lengthy). Or book online using the Chrome internet browser at [tinyurl.com/TNBWCCConf22](https://tinyurl.com/TNBWCCConf22). Hotel reservations alone do not guarantee admission to the conference.

**Cancellation Refund Policy** - Cancellation of pre-registration must be made before 5:00 PM (Central) on August 5, 2022.

Substitution of personnel is recommended in lieu of cancellation after that date. The full registration fee will be forfeited if you fail to attend or cancel timely.

**Special Needs** – Individuals attending the conference who may need auxiliary aids or special services are requested to provide notice of their needs in writing no later than 10 working days before the conference so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

**Dress Code** – Business casual clothing is appropriate for all events.

For further information, contact the IWCF at (386) 677-0041, Fax (386) 677-0155, or email: [IWCF@bellsouth.net](mailto:IWCF@bellsouth.net)

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**EXHIBITOR & SPONSOR REGISTRATION FORM****Exhibitor Opportunity**

You are invited to register as an exhibitor for the 2022 Tennessee Workers' Compensation Educational Conference. The fee of \$1,000 includes two (2) complimentary registrations for exhibitor representatives.

Exhibit hall space is offered on a first come, first served basis and will only be reserved upon our receipt of your registration form.

**Booth setup** will be in the exhibitor area on Monday, August 15, 2022, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.

**Teardown** will be on Wednesday, August 17, 2022, at 11:30 am. For additional information regarding exhibit area, contact the IWCF at (386) 677-0041 or [iwcf@bellsouth.net](mailto:iwcf@bellsouth.net).

Registration fee includes one 6' draped table and two chairs, registration for two representatives and twenty-four-hour security. Full fee forfeiture if unable to attend.

**Exhibitor Insurance Hold/Harmless Clause**

Exhibitor assumes entire responsibility and hereby agrees to protect, indemnify, defend, save and hold harmless the International Workers' Compensation Foundation (IWCF), employees and agents, Chelsea Place Meetings and its employees and agents, and the State of Tennessee against all claims, losses and damages to persons or property, governmental charges or fines and attorney fees arising out of its exhibits of, excluding any such liability caused by the sole negligence or concurrent comparative negligence of Chelsea Place Meetings and its employees and agents, as well as the IWCF, its members, employees, agents, and the State of Tennessee.

In addition, exhibitor acknowledges that the State of Tennessee, Chelsea Place Meetings, and the IWCF do not maintain insurance covering exhibitors' property or potential liabilities and that it is the sole responsibility of the exhibitor to obtain business interruption insurance, property damage insurance and liability insurance covering such losses by exhibitor. Exhibitor shall obtain and keep in force during the term of the conference policies of comprehensive general liability insurance and contractual liability insurance and specifically referring to contractual liability set forth in the foregoing paragraphs hereof, in an amount not less than \$1,000,000.00 combined single limit for personal injury and property damage. The State of Tennessee, Chelsea Place Meetings, and the IWCF shall be included in such policies as additionally named insureds for this convention only.

Authorized Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**Sponsorship Opportunity**

You are invited to register as a sponsor for the 2022 Tennessee Workers' Compensation Educational Conference. The following sponsorship levels are available:

**Gold: \$1,000 Contribution**

- Organization name, logo and contact information will appear in conference program.
- Organization name will appear on a large "Thank You Sponsor" sign in exhibit area.
- One complimentary attendee registration.

**Silver: \$500 Contribution**

- Organization name will appear on a large "Thank You Sponsor" sign in exhibit area.

**Events: Fee Variable**

- Reception, Breaks, Breakfast or Lunch.
- Gold level inclusions plus two complimentary registrations.
- Contact [iwcf@bellsouth.net](mailto:iwcf@bellsouth.net) for event sponsor options.
- Event sponsors contact the IWCF directly to register.

**Check which category applies:**

☐ Exhibitor and/or

☐ Sponsorship: ☐ Gold ☐ Silver

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Specialty: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Exhibitors**

Comp Registrant: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Exhibitors & Gold Sponsors**

Comp Registrant: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Two registration options are available for exhibitors, gold and silver sponsors.

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