



**TENNESSEE WORKERS' COMPENSATION  
APPEALS BOARD  
Oral Argument Docket  
October 5, 2023**

**PANEL  
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.**

**Matthew Keene, Acting Clerk**

**ARGUMENTS TO BE HELD IN THE  
COURTROOM:  
Supreme Court Building  
505 Main Street  
Knoxville, TN 37902**

# Oral Argument Docket

**Thursday, October 5, 2023**  
**9:00 A.M. Session**

## **1. ARIEL TAYLOR V. COCA COLA BOTTLING COMPANY**

**Docket No. 2020-03-0716**

**Attorneys:**

Appellant: Coca Cola Bottling Company  
Garrett P. Franklyn  
Appellee: Ariel Taylor  
Steven C. Fifield

**Court of Workers' Compensation Claims: Knoxville**  
**Judge: Brian K. Addington**

## **2. TIMOTHY BURKE V. STEVE TOWERS ENTERPRISES, LLC, A/K/A STEVE TOWERS HOLDING, LLC**

**Docket No. 2022-06-0311**

**Attorneys:**

Appellant: Timothy Burke  
Jason G. Denton  
Appellee: Steve Towers Enterprises, LLC, a/k/a Steve Towers Holding, LLC  
L. Blair Cannon

**Court of Workers' Compensation Claims: Nashville**  
**Chief Judge: Kenneth M. Switzer**

**3. KIMBERLY SATTERFIELD V. SMOKY MOUNTAIN HOME HEALTH AND HOSPICE**

**Docket No. 2019-03-1440**

**Attorneys:**

Appellant: Smoky Mountain Home Health and Hospice

Tiffany B. Sherrill

Gregory H. Fuller

Appellee: Kimberly Satterfield

Timothy A. Roberto

**Court of Workers' Compensation Claims: Knoxville**

**Judge: Lisa A. Lowe**

**4. ALEXIS BASHAM V. SPB HOSPITALITY, LLC, D/B/A LOGAN'S ROADHOUSE**

**Docket No. 2023-05-00474**

**Attorneys:**

Appellant: Alexis Basham

Michael P. Fisher

Appellee: SPB Hospitality, LLC, d/b/a Logan's Roadhouse

Taylor R. Pruitt

**Court of Workers' Compensation Claims: Murfreesboro**

**Judge: Dale A. Tipps**

**5. WILMA RANDALL V. FOOD LION**

**Docket No. 2021-02-0225**

**Attorneys:**

Appellant: Wilma Randall

G. Todd East

Appellee: Food Lion

Daniel I. Hall

**Court of Workers' Compensation Claims: Gray**

**Judge: Brian K. Addington**

# 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 1, 2014. Prior to that, Judge Conner practiced law for twenty-two years in the areas of workers' compensation, wills and estates, and general liability defense. He is also an Adjunct Professor at Lincoln Memorial University's Duncan School of Law, where he teaches Legal Writing and Workers' Compensation Law. He 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 Knoxville and Tennessee Bar Associations, the Hamilton Burnett American Inn of Court, and the National Association of Workers' Compensation Judiciary.

**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.