



**TENNESSEE WORKERS' COMPENSATION
APPEALS BOARD
Oral Argument Docket
October 15, 2020
(Revised)**

**PANEL
Timothy W. Conner, Presiding Judge
David F. Hensley, Judge
Pele I. Godkin, Judge**

**Oral Argument is limited to twenty-five minutes per side
unless otherwise directed by the Appeals Board.**

Olivia Yearwood, Clerk

**ARGUMENTS TO BE HEARD
TELEPHONICALLY OR BY OTHER REMOTE
MEANS AS DETERMINED BY THE APPEALS
BOARD**

Oral Argument Docket

Thursday, October 15, 2020
9:00 A.M. Session

1. RICHARD DIAMOND v. KROGER COMPANY
Docket No. 2016-08-0916
Attorneys:

Appellant: Kroger Company
S. Newton Anderson
Appellee: Richard Diamond
Mark Lambert

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Court of Workers' Compensation Claims: Memphis
Judge: Amber E. Luttrell

2. JEANNIE HART v. THYSSENKRUPP ELEVATOR CORP.
Docket No. 2018-07-0436
Attorneys:

Appellant: ThyssenKrupp Elevator Corp.
Hailey H. David
Appellee: Jeannie Hart
Jonathan L. May

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Court of Workers' Compensation Claims: Jackson
Judge: Allen Phillips

3. PRESTON BENNETT v. SURETECH CONSTRUCTION

Docket No. 2020-02-0113

Attorneys:

Appellant: Suretech Construction

Fred Baker

Appellee: Preston Bennett

Michael Large

Appellee: Subsequent Injury and Vocational Recovery Fund

Lindsay Hall

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Court of Workers' Compensation Claims: Gray

Judge: Brian K. Addington

4. JAMES CARTER v. RICOH AMERICA CORP.

Docket No. 2015-06-0466

Attorneys:

Appellant: Ricoh America Corp.

Carolina V. Martin

Appellee: James Carter

Brian Dunigan

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Court of Workers' Compensation Claims: Nashville

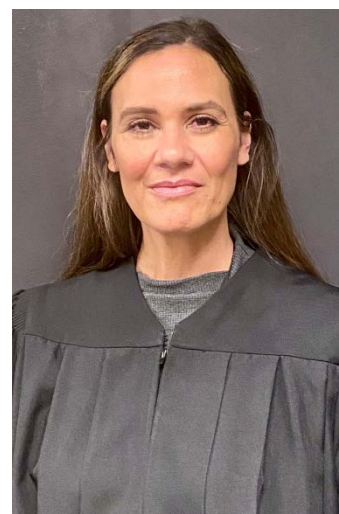
Chief Judge: Kenneth M. Switzer

Workers' Compensation Appeals Board Judges



Timothy W. Conner has served as a judge on the Tennessee Workers' Compensation Appeals Board since August 1, 2014 and as the Presiding Judge of the Appeals Board since January 1, 2020. 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 the University of Tennessee College of Law, where he teaches the course on Workers' Compensation Law, and at Lincoln Memorial University's Duncan School of Law, where he teaches legal writing. Judge Conner received his bachelor's degree from Boston University and his J.D. from Wake Forest University School of Law. Judge Conner is married and has two daughters.

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 as a workers' compensation specialist for the Tennessee Bureau of Workers' Compensation, formerly known as the Division of Workers' Compensation, shortly after the 2004 workers' compensation reform. Judge Godkin eventually transitioned into working as a Supervising Attorney and, while in this role, served in a quasi-judicial capacity which included determining parties' legal rights/duties under the law, discharging the agency's jurisdiction to review and enter appropriate orders with regard to workers' compensation issues, and reviewing/approving proposed settlements of workers' compensation claims. Judge Godkin entered private practice in 2008 where she litigated workers' compensation claims, medical malpractice claims, and general liability defense cases. Judge Godkin received her bachelor's degree from Central Washington University and her J.D. from Seattle University School of Law. She has one daughter.



David F. Hensley began his legal career in Chattanooga clerking for Judge Herschel P. Franks (Retired) of the Tennessee Court of Appeals following graduation from the University of Tennessee College of Law in 1979. He was in private practice from 1981 to 2014, handling cases involving workers' compensation, insurance defense, insurance fraud, construction law, and estates. From 2004 until his appointment to the Appeals Board, Judge Hensley was a partner and shareholder in the Chattanooga firm of Franklin, Cooper & Marcus, PLLC. Originally from Athens, Tennessee, Judge Hensley relocated to Chattanooga in 1979 and served as a member and Chairman of the Board of the North River YMCA and a member of the Board of Ronald McDonald House Charities of Greater Chattanooga. In 2014, he was appointed by Governor Bill Haslam to the Tennessee Workers' Compensation Appeals Board and, in 2018, he was reappointed by Governor Haslam to a six-year term. Judge Hensley has an avid interest in water skiing and sailboat racing. He is married and has two children and five grandchildren.