



**TENNESSEE WORKERS' COMPENSATION
APPEALS BOARD**

**Docket
at Knoxville
March 24, 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
Jeanette Baird, Deputy Clerk**

**ARGUMENTS TO BE HELD IN THE
COURTROOM:**

**Supreme Court Building
505 Main Street
Knoxville, TN 37902**

Docket

Tuesday, March 24, 2020

9:30 A.M. Session

1. JOHNNY JOHNSTON v. SISKIN STEEL & SUPPLY CO./RELIANCE STEEL & ALUMINUM CO.

Docket Nos. 2015-01-0023, 2018-01-0003, 2018-01-0008

Attorneys:

Appellant: Siskin Steel & Supply Co./Reliance Steel & Aluminum Co.

John Barringer

Appellee: Johnny Johnston

Linn Guerrero-Justice

Court of Workers' Compensation Claims: Chattanooga

Judge: Thomas L. Wyatt

Argument Type: Oral Argument

2. GENA N. MOLLICA v. EHHI HOLDINGS, INC., d/b/a ADVANCED HOME CARE MANAGEMENT, INC., d/b/a ENCOMPASS HOME HEALTH

Docket No. 2018-01-0702

Attorneys:

Appellant: EHHI Holdings, Inc.

G. Graham Thompson

Appellee: Gena N. Mollica

Carmen Y. Ware

Court of Workers' Compensation Claims: Chattanooga

Judge: Audrey A. Headrick

Argument Type: Oral Argument

3. ANGELA VARNER NICKERSON v. KNOX COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Docket No. 2019-03-0559

Attorneys:

Appellant: Knox County Government

Evan E. Hauser

Appellee: Angela Varner Nickerson

Tony Farmer

Court of Workers' Compensation Claims: Knoxville

Judge: Thomas L. Wyatt

Argument Type: Oral Argument

4. NATACHA HUDGINS v. GLOBAL PERSONNEL SOLUTIONS, INC.

Docket No. 2017-01-0690

Attorneys:

Appellant: Global Personnel Solutions, Inc.

W. Troy Hart & Tiffany B. Sherrill

Appellee: Natacha Hudgins

Matthew G. Coleman

Court of Workers' Compensation Claims: Chattanooga

Judge: Thomas L. Wyatt

Argument Type: Oral Argument

5. WILLIAM BARNES v. JACK COOPER TRANSPORT CO.

Docket No. 2018-05-1127

Attorneys:

Appellant: Jack Cooper Transport Co.

A. Allen Grant & Ryan A. Mirian

Appellee: William Barnes

Richard L. Dugger

Appellee: Continental Indemnity Co.

Sara E. Barnett

Court of Workers' Compensation Claims: Murfreesboro

Judge: Dale A. Tipps

Argument Type: Oral Argument

6. GRECIA M. IBARRA v. AMAZON FULFILLMENT SERVICES, INC.

Docket No. 2019-01-0368

Attorneys:

Appellant: Amazon Fulfillment Services, Inc.

W. Troy Hart & Tiffany B. Sherrill

Appellee: Grecia M. Ibarra

Christopher D. Markel

Court of Workers' Compensation Claims: Chattanooga

Judge: Audrey A. Headrick

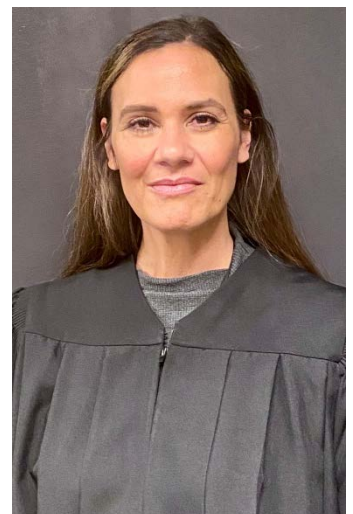
Argument Type: Oral Argument

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.