

Your Winning Team
Georgia Workers' Compensation Association



January 9-11, 2022

AGENDA



SUNDAY | JANUARY 9 , 2022

- 2:00 – 4:30 pm** **Registration & Exhibitor Set Up** | Athena A-E, The Classic Center
Exhibitor Hall Opens at 2pm
- 3:00 – 4:30 pm** **GWCA Board Meeting**
Athens Orthopedic Clinic | SPARC Physical Therapy*
1765 Old West Broad St. Bldg 3, Athens, GA 30606
**Take the parking deck elevator to the 3rd floor, follow signs.*
- 4:30 – 5:00 pm** **VIP Reception** (Members Only)
Athens Orthopedic Clinic | SPARC Physical Therapy*
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- 5:00 – 7:00 pm** **Reception**
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**Take the parking deck elevator to the 3rd floor, follow signs.*
- Tailgating-themed Networking with Sponsors and Exhibitors
Cups and Napkins sponsored by Axion
- Special thanks to Athens Orthopedic Clinic for hosting!***

MONDAY | JANUARY 10, 2022

- 7:00 – 8:00 am** **Registration** | Athena D Entrance
Continental Breakfast with Exhibitors | Athena A-E
All presentations/remarks will take place in rooms Athena F-J
- 7:45 – 8:00 am** **Opening Remarks**

Eddie Kinnard | GWCA Chairman
- 8:00 – 9:00 am** ***Legal Challenges Presented with COVID-19***

Taylor Poncz | Attorney, Drew Eckl Farnham
Todd Ross | Attorney, Ross, Handelman, Nestale & Goff
Teri Zarrillo | Attorney, Goodman McGuffey LLP
Sharee Tumbling | Attorney, Moore Ingram Johnson & Steele
- 9:00 – 10:00 am** ***Spotting and Successfully Defending Claims Against Malingerers***

Dustin Thompson | Attorney, Swift Currie
Ann Joiner | Attorney, Swift Currie

Panelists: Raymond Walkup, M.D. and Ankur D. Patel, M.D.

- 10:00 – 10:30 am** **Break | Visit Vendors**
- 10:30 – 11:30 am** ***Mental Health and Violence in the Workplace***
Peter Vajda, Ph.D., C.P.C. | Author, Keynote Speaker, Trainer, Coach
Sponsored by Workplace Health

Panelist: Rushe Hudzinski | HR Consultant, Professor
Savannah Technical College
- 11:30 am – 1:00 pm** **Lunch Break** (on your own)
- 1:00 – 2:00 pm** ***Risk Management Series | Managing a Workers' Compensation Crisis***

Steve Heinen | RMI Training
- 6:30 – 10:45 pm** **Dinner and Entertainment**

Performance by Audio Candy Experience
Big Screen for the 2022 National College Championship
Classic Center Atrium

TUESDAY | JANUARY 11, 2022

- 7:00 – 8:00 am** **Breakfast with Exhibitors**
- 8:00 – 9:00 am** ***Telework and Company Privacy Security Issues / People Working from Home***

Gates Marshall | Chief Breach Officer, Before The Breach
- 9:00 – 10:00 am** ***Workers' Compensation Risk When Employees Work from Home***

Thomas Musselwhite | Sterling Seacrest Pritchard

Lauren Larkey, PT, MTC, CEAS, Cert DN
Director of Network, Upstream Rehabilitation
- 10:00 – 10:15 am** **Break | Visit Vendors**
- 10:15 – 11:15 am** ***A Winning Gameplan: Ethics in Workers' Comp Today***

David Willis, Esq. | Vernis & Bowling
Kristian Cross, Esq. | Vernis & Bowling

11:15 am – 12:15 pm

Legislative Update

Judge Ben Vinson | Chairman,
Georgia State Board of Workers' Compensation

Jerry Keen | Joe Tanner and Associates

12:15 – 12:30 pm

Closing Remarks

Eddie Kinnard | GWCA Chairman

The Classic Center COVID Protocol Options

Conferences/Non- Alcohol Events:

Each event will have a designated entrance staffed by the Classic Center Team. At this entry, all guests will need to provide one of the following three options:

- [Complete an online health affidavit screening](#) (may be completed in advance) & have their temperature checked upon entry
- **Negative COVID test** within 72hrs of the event with matching photo ID
- **Fully completed vaccination card** with matching photo ID

Multi-Day Events

We will hand out a color wristband to all participants who plan on coming and going from the event. The wristband will need to be shown upon re-entry to the building and a temperature scan will be performed. Documentation will not need to be shown a second time if you are wearing the wristband.

Mask Mandate

The Athens-Clarke County mask mandate includes all guests, visitors and employees inside the Classic Center, regardless of vaccination status, to wear masks.

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