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2027 ANNUAL CONFERENCE
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2027

LOCATION:
FRANKLIN MARRIOTT
COOL SPRINGS

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

SEPTEMBER 17, 2026



SESSION 1: INSIDE THE REDESIGN: BUREAU OF WORKERS COMPENSATION PRIORITIES AND EMERGING TRENDS



Troy Haley
TN Bureau of
Workers'
Compensation



Dr. Robert Snyder
TN Bureau of
Workers'
Compensation



Chief Judge Switzer
TN Bureau of
Workers'
Compensation

SESSION 2: WHEN ADVOCACY REDESIGNS OUTCOMES



Michael Haynie
Manier &
Herod



Rob Behnke
Cracker Barrel
Old Country
Store



Jill Talber
TNSIA
Lobbyist

SESSION 3: STATE OF THE MARKET



Melissa Nighbert
Brown &
Brown



Katherine Vaux
Arch Insurance



Anthony Garruto
Markel
Insurance
Group

SESSION 4: CASE LAW REVIEW - THE CASES REDEFINING WORKERS COMPENSATION



Michael Haynie
Manier &
Herod



Kitty Boyte
Peterson
White



Chancey Miller
CarrAllison



Cate Dugan
Peterson
White

PANEL DISCUSSION FROM INJURY TO IMPACT: REDESIGNING THE RETURN- TO-WORK JOURNEY



Mike Ligmanowski
Bardavon



Dana Volner
Arete
Consulting



Anastasia Settle
Carlisle

ABOUT US

The TNSIA is a non-profit organization advocating for an efficient workers' compensation system and educating employers, insurers, and service providers.

AGENDA

Thursday, September 17th

- 8:30-9:00 – Registration | Breakfast | Visit Vendor Booths | KCOTN Silent Auction
- 9:00-9:15 – Welcome & Update
- 9:15-10:15 – Keynote
- 10:15-10:45 – Break | Visit Vendor Booths | KCOTN Silent Auction
- 10:45-11:15 – Session 1: Inside the Redesign: Bureau of Workers Compensation Priorities and Emerging Trends
- 11:30 - 12:00 – Session 2: When Advocacy Redesigns Outcomes
- 12:00 - 1:00 - Networking Lunch
- 1:00 - 1:45 - Session 3: State of the Market
- 1:45 - 2:15 – Break | Visit Vendor Booths | KCOTN Silent Auction Closes
- 2:15 -3:00 - Session 4: Case Law Review - The Cases Redefining Workers Compensation
- 3:00-4:00 - Panel Discussion From Injury to Impact: Redesigning the Return- to-Work Journey
- 4:00-4:15 - Closing Remarks

KEYNOTE ADDRESS



DR. HOWARD WALL

Labor Market Outlook for the United States and Chattanooga

Join us for an insightful discussion on the current state of the U.S. economy, with a particular focus on labor market conditions and emerging trends. The presentation will also explore the economic outlook for Tennessee and Chattanooga, which have remained relatively flat over the past two years amid broader national developments. The discussion will consider how the national economic outlook may shape our local economy, along with federal policy options—including Federal Reserve policy—that could influence future growth. Ample time will be reserved for questions, giving attendees the opportunity to dive deeper into the topics presented or ask about any economics-related issue they're curious about.



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