

Workers' Compensation Appeals Board Judges



Timothy W. Conner graduated from Boston University and Wake Forest University School of Law. He practiced in the areas of premises liability, personal injury, employment discrimination, wills and estates, and workers' compensation with the law firm of Leitner, Williams, Dooley, and Napolitan, PLLC, from 1992 to 2014, helping establish the firm's Knoxville office in 1994. Judge Conner has extensive workers' compensation experience and is a frequent speaker on workers' compensation issues. He is an adjunct professor at the University of Tennessee College of Law, teaching the course on workers' compensation law. In 2014, he was appointed by Governor Bill Haslam to the Tennessee Workers' Compensation Appeals Board and was reappointed in 2016. Judge Conner, an accomplished pianist and active in mission work with his church, is married and has two children.

Marshall L. Davidson, III, graduated with honors from the University of Tennessee College Of Law where he served on the Tennessee Law Review. He worked as a law clerk for the Tennessee Court of Appeals and the Tennessee Supreme Court and then spent time in private practice handling civil and criminal cases before serving as a Staff Attorney for the Tennessee Supreme Court for twenty-two years where he focused primarily on civil appeals. Under the supervision of the Chief Justice, Judge Davidson implemented and managed the Supreme Court's system for handling appeals of workers' compensation cases for roughly a decade. He has served as a Judge Advocate General Officer in the United States Army Reserves, taught at the collegiate and law school levels for many years, and has authored numerous law review and bar journal articles about appellate litigation and other legal topics. He is a member of the Belmont College of Law American Inns of Court and a CASA volunteer working with children who are the subject of abuse or neglect proceedings. In 2014, Judge Davidson was appointed by Governor Bill Haslam to the Tennessee Workers' Compensation Appeals Board where he serves as Presiding Judge. Judge Davidson is married and has three children.



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, 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. Judge Hensley has an avid interest in water skiing and sailboat racing. He is married and has two children and two grandchildren.