

# ***75th Annual SAWCA Convention Diamond Celebration***



***July 31 - August 4, 2023  
Omni Amelia Island Resort***





# Welcome To SAWCA's Diamond Celebration

*We are so excited to celebrate our 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary at the Omni Amelia Island Resort, situated on the southern end of lovely Amelia Island, FL. Amelia Island "is a unique paradise among the chain of barrier islands that stretches along the east coast from South Carolina to Florida." We are delighted that you have chosen to share this silver anniversary with us. This is a beautiful venue to celebrate and exchange new ideas about the burgeoning workers' compensation industry. We are sure to enjoy the vistas of the unspoiled beauty of coastal Florida with its pristine beaches, abundant forest and succulently green marsh.*

*SAWCA's inaugural convention was in 1948. Since then our mission has not changed. SAWCA educates and informs interested parties about the administration and laws of workers compensation. It also provides opportunities to share information and address common workers' compensation issues. As we commemorate our 75<sup>th</sup> year, we are reminded that above-all SAWCA is a service organization. It is our goal to serve our members by providing information and moments to network and interact with each other for the good of the workers' compensation systems in our jurisdictional states. We achieve these goals through meetings, forums, lectures and written materials. This year we proudly present a leadership forum and regulator, carrier, employer and service provider roundtables, a federal update and last, but not the least of all, things that make Bob go "Hmmm." Those are just a few of the diamond presentations we will provide for your enjoyment.*

*Finally, yet importantly, we have entertainment. As we say in Louisiana, **laissez les bon temps rouler**. Let the good times roll. We'll have a fais-do-do and a pirogue full of fun, cher!*

*Sheralee C. Kellar, SAWCA President  
Workers' Compensation Judge – Chief  
Office of Workers' Compensation Administration  
Louisiana Workforce Commission*

# Convention Program

## Monday July 31, 2023

Registration	Noon - 5:00PM	Amelia Foyer
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## Tuesday August 1, 2023

Registration	8:00AM - 5:00PM	Amelia Foyer
Board Meeting	9:30AM - 11:30AM	Ossabaw
Exhibitor Setup	10:00AM - 5:00PM	Amelia 3

## SAWCA Leadership Forums

<b>Medical Forum</b>	<b>1:30PM - 3:00PM</b>	<b>Talbot</b>
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The Medical Committee is pleased to present a roundtable discussion focusing on **"States Thinking Outside the Box"**. Multiple states are utilizing unique and innovative programs designed to improve the efficiency and quality of their programs. The medical marijuana pilot program in Colorado...Kentucky's KTAP program ...and the REWARD program in Tennessee are just a few examples of creative and productive state programs.

**Sponsored By: American Medical Association**

<b>Legal Forum</b>	<b>1:30PM - 3:00PM</b>	<b>Ossabaw</b>
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The Adjudication Committee is excited to host the Legal Forum with a panel of judges from New Mexico, Virginia, and Mississippi. The panel will address issues with medical treatment, dealing with pro se claimants, security concerns and other hot topics related to the adjudication of claims from around the country.

Moderator: Melodie Belcher, Administrative Law Judge, (GA)  
Our Judicial Panel includes: Jimese Sherrill (VA), Jennifer Field Nicaud (MS), and Shannon Riley (NM).

**Sponsored By: Enlyte**

<b>Regulators Roundtable</b>	<b>3:15PM - 5:00PM</b>	<b>Amelia 1-2</b>
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Moderators: Tom Glasson (AIG) & Mark Walls (Safety National)

Participating States: Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado, Delaware, Washington DC, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Maryland, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, New Mexico, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, & Wisconsin.

**Sponsored By: Optum**

**Note: Wi-Fi Network is: SAWCA / Password is: SAWCA2023**

## Tuesday August 1, 2023

**President's Reception 7PM - 8:30PM Magnolia Foyer/Terrace**

**All Attendees & Registered Guests Are Invited**

**Sponsored By: AKERA Claims, Workers' Compensation Institute  
M. Joseph Medical, Ametros, ODG by MCG Health,  
WorkersCompCollege.com & Meridian Wealth Mgmt.**

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## Wednesday August 2, 2023

**Breakfast With Exhibitors 7:30AM - 8:45AM Amelia 3**

**Sponsored By: TriStar**

**Exhibits Open 7:30AM - 5:00PM Amelia 3**

**Registration 8:00AM - 5:00PM Amelia Foyer**

**Opening Welcome: 8:30am - 8:45am Amelia 1-2**  
**SAWCA President, Sheral Kellar, Louisiana Workers' Compensation Judge - Chief**

## **The 2023 Industry Symposium**

**Sponsored By: Safety National**

**Carrier Roundtable: 8:45 AM – 9:40 AM Amelia 1-2**

Moderated by Tom Glasson (AIG)...the first of three roundtable panels with discussions focused on the workers' compensation industry, will address issues specific to the carriers who provide coverage for many employers across the nation. Panel Members: Carey Armistead (Sompo International), Max Koonce (Sedgwick), & Patrick Hiles (Safety National)

**Break With Exhibitors 9:40 AM - 10:00 AM Amelia 3**

**Sponsored By: Concentra**

**Employer Roundtable: 10:00 AM - 10:55 AM Amelia 1-2**

Moderated by Mark Walls (Safety National) ... This panel continues our industry focus sharing issues and concerns specific to employers. Panel members: Teresa Gunter (Adecco Group), Steve Figliuolo (Chick-fil-A), Kimberly George (Sedgwick), & Lise Godfrey (Dillard's)

**Break With Exhibitors 10:55 AM - 11:15 AM Amelia 3**

**Sponsored By: Concentra**



**Wednesday August 2, 2023**

**Service Provider RT: 11:15 AM - 12:15 PM Amelia 1-2**

Moderated by Robert Doucette (New Mexico) ... This panel completes our Industry focus sharing issues and concerns specific to the various companies who serve the industry. Panel Members: Adam Fowler (Optum), Lisa Anne Bickford (Enlyte), Ellen Heiber (Verisk), & Greg Gilbert (Concentra)

**“Networking Lunch” 12:20 PM – 1:30 PM Amelia 4**

Join us for a wonderful lunch...then take advantage of the exhibit hall that will remain open till 3pm. **Sponsored By: Trean**

The remainder of Wednesday is available for you to meet with regulators and industry professionals...continuing the discussions from the multiple sessions earlier today and gaining a deeper understanding of the various issues impacting workers’ compensation systems across the nation. And be sure to take advantage of the opportunity to visit with our Exhibitors. Expo open until 3pm.

## ***(Wednesday Evening ...Dinner on Your Own)***

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### **Thursday August 3, 2023**

**Breakfast With Exhibitors 7:30 AM - 8:45 AM Amelia 3**

**Sponsored By: TriStar**

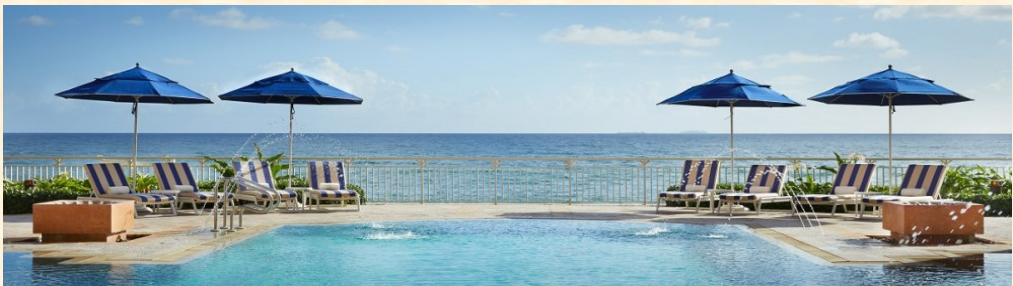
**Exhibits Open 7:30 AM - 5:00 PM Amelia 3**

**Registration 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM Amelia Foyer**

**Welcome / Conf. Update 8:45 AM - 9:00 AM Amelia 1-2**

### **2023 ACC Preview**

**SAWCA President, Sheral Kellar, Louisiana Workers’ Compensation Judge - Chief**



Thursday August 3, 2023

# Comp Talks 2023

## “Principles to Work By”

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM

Amelia 1 & 2

Comp Talks 2023 focuses on leadership principles and how we integrate them into our daily work. Our “contestants” are sure to provide inspiration as they share their messages and compete for the chance to be crowned the 2023 SAWCA Comp Talk Champion. Winners will be determined by audience vote.

Moderated By: Jackie Jackson (CO) & Ellen Heiber (Verisk)

Presenters: **Brendon De Souza** (Sanderson Firm); **Delford Doherty** (Prodigy Care Services); **Laura Gomez Thomas** (PMA Companies); **Taylor Perri** (AIC Companies); **Anastasia Settle** (Carlisle Medical); **Paul Sighinolfi** (Ametros); & **Robert Wilson** (WorkCompCollege.com)

**Break With Exhibitors**

**10:30 AM - 10:50 AM**

**Amelia 3**

**Sponsored By: [Concentra](#)**

**Mental/Mental - PTSD: 10:50 AM - 12:15 PM**

**Amelia 1-2**

**Moderator:** Brittany O’Neil (FL)

Gordon Horn, PhD joins us to define PTSD providing a 30,000-foot overview and setting the stage for our roundtable discussion featuring: Mark Formby (MS); Brittany O’Neil (FL); Ken Switzer, (TN); Doug Gott, (KY), and Raji Chadarevian (NCCI)

**Convention Lunch**

**12:20 PM – 1:30 PM**

**Amelia 4**

**Sponsored By: [Prodigy Care Services](#)**

Join us for a wonderful lunch and the opportunity for great discussions with your fellow attendees. Afterwards take advantage of the exhibit hall that will remain open until 3pm.

The remainder of Thursday is available for you to meet with regulators and industry professionals continuing the discussions from the sessions earlier today ...and/or address job-related issues.

# **SAWCA's Diamond Celebration**

## **Reception & Dinner 7:00 PM – 11:00 PM**

**Music By: "Latitude"**  
**Tom & Michelle Becker**  
**Sponsored By: Verisk**



**Attendees, Guests, & Families...**  
**Join us for an evening of great food,**  
**cool drinks and warm fellowship in the**  
**Amelia Foyer, 8 Flags Patio & Lawn**

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### **Friday August 4, 2023**

**"Farewell Grits Breakfast**

**7:30 AM - 9:00 AM**

**Amelia 1-2**

***Sponsored By: Sedgwick***

**Registration**

**8:00 AM - 9:30 AM**

**Amelia Foyer**

**Exhibits Open**

**7:30 AM - 11:00 AM**

**Amelia 3**

**Conference Announcements**

**8:50 AM - 9:00 AM**

**Amelia 1-2**

***SAWCA President, Sheral Kellar, Louisiana Workers' Compensation Judge - Chief***

**Federal Update:**

**9:00 AM - 10:00 AM**

**Amelia 1-2**

**Presented By: Tim Tucker – NCCI**

**Join us for our annual update on newly enacted and potential legislative changes that impact our workers' compensation systems.**

**"Hmmm"**

**10:00 AM - 11:00 AM**

**Amelia 1-2**

**Moderator Bob Wilson welcomes a distinguished panel of industry and regulatory experts to join him for "Things That Make Bob Go Hmmm". Participants on Bob's Panel this year include Rafael Gonzalez (Cattie & Gonzalez), Lisa Anne Bickford (Enlyte), Brittany O'Neil (Florida), and Wade McGuffey (Goodman & McGuffey). Entertaining...Educational...and Unpredictable...and a wonderful conclusion to an amazing convention.**

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**Closing Comments & Recognition of SAWCA Officers for 2023-2024**

***Sheral Kellar, SAWCA President***

**Convention Adjourns till November 13, 2023...The 2023 All Committee Conference at The Hyatt Regency Hill Country in San Antonio, Texas.**

# **2023 All Committee Conference**



**November 13 - 17, 2023 marks the dates for the SAWCA ACC at the Hyatt Regency Hill Country Resort & Spa. Built upon 300 acres of the historic**

***Rogers-Wiseman family ranch, the Hyatt offers a unique blend of comfort and elegance. Surrounded by the inviting charm of a Texas ranch house and the amenities of a luxury resort, you can escape to a quiet retreat from everyday life.***

***Join us this November and experience SAWCA Hospitality...Texas Style!***

## **76th Annual Convention**

**July 29 - August 2, 2024**

**Hotel Effie**

**Sandestin, Florida**



***The vibrant community of Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort... with 2,400 acres of lush landscape and coastal beauty ... and the southern luxury***

***of Hotel Effie equals the perfect venue for SAWCA's 76th Annual Convention. Make plans to join us in '24.***