



# **2026 Roger L. Williams National Regulators College**

*Presented By:*

**The Southern Association of Workers' Compensation Administrators**

**The Self-Insurance Guaranty Funds of America**

**Hosted By: WCI**

2026 College Deans: [Frank McKay, Georgia State Board of WC](#)  
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**Monday August 24, 2026**

**Hall of Cities – New York & New Orleans**

**Breakfast & Registration: 7:45am – 8:30am**

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**Session 1: 8:30am** Welcome to the Roger L Williams National Regulators College  
Deans Frank McKay & Mark Formby

**Session 2: 8:35am – 9:30am New York & New Orleans**

**“Access to Care”**

Moderators & Planners: Scott Wilhoit (KY) & Heather Jordan (NM)

Access to care ain't what it used to be...between scheduling challenges, long-distance facilities, an evolving healthcare landscape, the goal of timely and appropriate care designed to return the employee to work is seemingly less and less achievable. Join the discussion as we match possible solutions with known problems.

**Monday Morning Refreshment Break**

**9:30am – 9:45am**

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**Session 3: 9:45am – 10:45am Palms Ballroom**

**WCI Opening Session – Industry Keynote Address**

Moderators: Kimberly George, Mark Walls

We are pleased to incorporate WCI's Industry Keynote into our college curriculum.

**Session 4:**            **11:00am – Noon**            **New York & New Orleans**  
“Mental Health / PTSD”

*Speaker: Dr. Gordon Horn, PhD, Clinical Neuropsychologist, Independent Practice  
Duke University, School of Medicine*

**Lunch Provided for All Students & Presenters**

**Noon – 1:00pm**

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**Session 5:**            **1:00pm – 2:00pm** **New York & New Orleans**

“Mental Health / PTSD” ... [What is Happening in States Regarding WC](#)

Hosted by David Benedict (NCCI), Industry and Regulatory Officials provide a discussion of the associated challenges related to Mental Health/PTSD and the evolving statutes and legal decisions driving the changes.

## **Annual National Regulators Roundtable**

**Session 6**

**2:30pm – 4:30pm**

**Crystal Ballroom G1**

Moderator: Frank McKay (GA)

Facilitator: Tom Glasson, AIG

The National Regulators Roundtable brings together regulators from throughout the country representing more than half the nation to discuss challenges, concerns and issues facing individual jurisdictions in the oversight of the ever-changing workers' compensation industry. It is a forum where regulators share lessons learned and seek timely answers to their most pressing issues. During the session the audience may text questions & comments to the regulators creating an interactive and dynamic format.

**Afternoon Break Provided at Regulators Roundtable**

**Crystal G1**

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**SAWCA & NAWCJ Reception 5:00pm - 6:00pm Grand Ballrooms 1-2**

All students and faculty are invited to the post Regulators Roundtable reception.

**Tuesday August 25, 2026**

**Hall of Cities – New York / New Orleans**

**Breakfast & Registration:**

**7:45am – 8:45am**

**Sponsored By:**

**American Medical Association**

**Session 7:**

**8:45am – 9:45am**

**Palms Ballroom – Canary**

**Live Surgery - Live From the OR!** [Experience WCI's Live surgery event.](#)

The Roger L Williams National Regulators College is pleased to incorporate this unique presentation as part of our college curriculum. Additional information regarding the specific medical procedure performed will be provided when available.

**Tuesday Morning Refreshment Break**

**10:00 – 10:30am**

**Sponsored By:**

**American Medical Association**

**Session 8:**

**10:30am – 11:00am**

**New York & New Orleans**

**“Employer Bankruptcy & Regulatory Response”**

Presenters: Gary Davis, Executive Director of SIGFA

Tom Glasson, AIG

Self-Insured Employer / Voluntary Market Insured Employer... From a national bankruptcy to a single-state default...a discussion explaining the regulatory preparation & responsibility for each type of employer.

**Session 9:**

**11:05am – Noon**

**New York & New Orleans**

**“Fee Schedules for Regulators – Strategies for Change”**

Greg Gilbert, EVP, Chief Reimbursement and Government Relations Officer, Concentra  
Greg will host a panel discussion by industry and regulatory professionals who have experienced the “fee schedule wars”, know the history and can speak to the future.

**Lunch Provided for Students & Presenters**

**Noon – 1:00pm**

**Sponsored By: Concentra**

**Session 10:**

**1:00pm – 2:00pm**

**New York & New Orleans**

**“Issues to Watch in 2026”**

Speakers: Kimberly George, Global Chief Brand Officer, Sedgwick

Mark Walls, Chief Marketing Officer, Safety National

Mark Walls and Kimberly George discuss the workers compensation and related issues which they are monitoring in 2026. They will provide insights into these critical challenges and why regulators need to be focusing on these issues.

**Session 11: 2:00pm – 2:45pm New York & New Orleans**

**“Security for the Self-Insured”**

Presenter: Mitch Klauser, Credit Risk Underwriting Manager, Safety National

Identifying the correct amount of security that should be required for individual employers to be approved to self-insure is a critical function of the state regulatory agency. Safety National will share their approach to calculating sufficient security to cover all claims in a bankruptcy.

**Tuesday Afternoon Refreshment Break 2:45pm – 3:00pm**

**Sponsored By: Concentra**

**Session 12: 3:00pm – 4:00pm New York & New Orleans**

**“An Ethical Approach to Political Challenges & Realities of Agency Leadership”**

Panelists: Ben Vinson (GA), Gaetano Testini (AZ), Asha Jefferson (MD), Scott Wilhoit (KY) & Charles Collins (AK)

**Session 13: 4:00pm – 4:30pm**

**“Closing Discussion”**

Hon. Mark Formby, Chairman, Mississippi WCC

Hon. Frank McKay, Georgia Appellate Judge & Director