

**SOUTH CAROLINA WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION
COMMISSIONERS' PREFERENCES**

COMMISSIONER-SPECIFIC PREFERENCES

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Standard Preferences apply unless otherwise indicated below.

1. Please be on time, or preferably early, for the hearing.
2. For hearings involving specific legal issues (laches, notice, jurisdiction, statute of limitations, etc), please provide a brief summary of the case law and pertinent facts supporting your client's position. This brief should be no longer than three (3) pages in length, unless the case involves novel issues or a complex set of facts and legal issues. You will be allowed to present this brief, pertaining solely to the legal issues at the hearing.
3. Depending on the circumstances, I may allow duly subpoenaed and listed expert witnesses to testify at the hearing.
4. Please do not highlight the APAs.
5. Prior to the date of the clincher conference, please send the AA a copy of the treating doctor's last several office notes, as well as any operative notes. Also, please have available at the hearing the rating equivalent of the amount the Claimant is being offered.
6. Unless otherwise specified, please submit the proposed order within thirty (30) days via email in Word format.
7. Please forward a copy of the proposed order to opposing counsel one (1) week before forwarding to my office. Please note in your cover letter whether opposing counsel agrees that the order accurately reflects my ruling, does not agree the order accurately reflects my ruling, or failed to respond regarding the order.
8. Please submit Decision and Order in Word Document and all other Orders in PDF via [email](#).