

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

COMMISSIONER-SPECIFIC PREFERENCES

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Standard Preferences apply unless otherwise indicated below.

1. A work copy of the APAs are to be bound (i.e., binder clip, notebook, etc.) and submitted at 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. I will allow duly subpoenaed and listed expert witnesses to testify at the hearing.
4. 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.
5. Please have a conversion of the specific body part, if necessary (i.e. upper extremity to shoulder).
6. Absent a detailed estimate and analysis of additional medical treatment and costs for removal of retained hardware, I will not approve clincher settlements that do not include lifetime maintenance for hardware.
7. For fee petitions, in the event an attorney fee is \$50,000 or greater, please complete and submit a Form 61A or the equivalent.
8. Unless otherwise specified, please submit the proposed order within forty-five (45) days.
9. 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 that the order accurately reflects my ruling, or failed to respond regarding the order.
10. Please notify my administrative assistant via [email](#) of any settlements (i.e., clinchers, 16s, consent orders, withdraw 50, withdraw 21, etc.).
11. Please submit all proposed orders in Word format electronically via [email](#) **ONLY** to my administrative assistant.
12. If 1.5 hours or more are needed for a hearing, [email](#) my assistant so that she can manage the docket accordingly.
13. If a hearing is scheduled in the afternoon, be prepared for the likelihood of it being moved up. Alert witnesses (to include subpoenaed witnesses) and clients to remain flexible in the event the hearing time changes.