

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

COMMISSIONER-SPECIFIC PREFERENCES

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Standard Preferences apply unless otherwise indicated below.

1. Medical records submitted under APA should be organized in chronological order, with the **oldest** records on top.
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 highlighting and tabbing of the pre-hearing brief as long as opposing counsel is provided with an identical copy.
4. I will allow duly subpoenaed and listed expert witnesses to testify at the hearing, although I prefer the deposition or submission of the reports.
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.
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. Please submit the proposed order in Word format electronically via e-mail.
8. Unless otherwise specified, please submit the proposed order within thirty (30) days.
9. If you need a transcript from the court reporter, you will find the information with my order instructions, or you can also obtain a "Request for a Transcript" form at the hearing.
10. I will hold a telephone conference to discuss unusual aspects or potential delays in cases. Contact my AA to schedule such a telephone conference.
11. Decisions on whether the record will be left open will be made on a case-by-case basis, and will be determined at the pre-hearing conference or after the hearing. It is helpful to have potential dates already scheduled (i.e. – depositions, doctor's evaluations, etc.) when requesting that the record be left open. However, the scheduling of any dates does not guarantee that the record will be left open.
12. Please forward a copy of the proposed order to opposing counsel before forwarding it to my office. Please confirm in your cover letter that the proposed order has been sent to opposing counsel.