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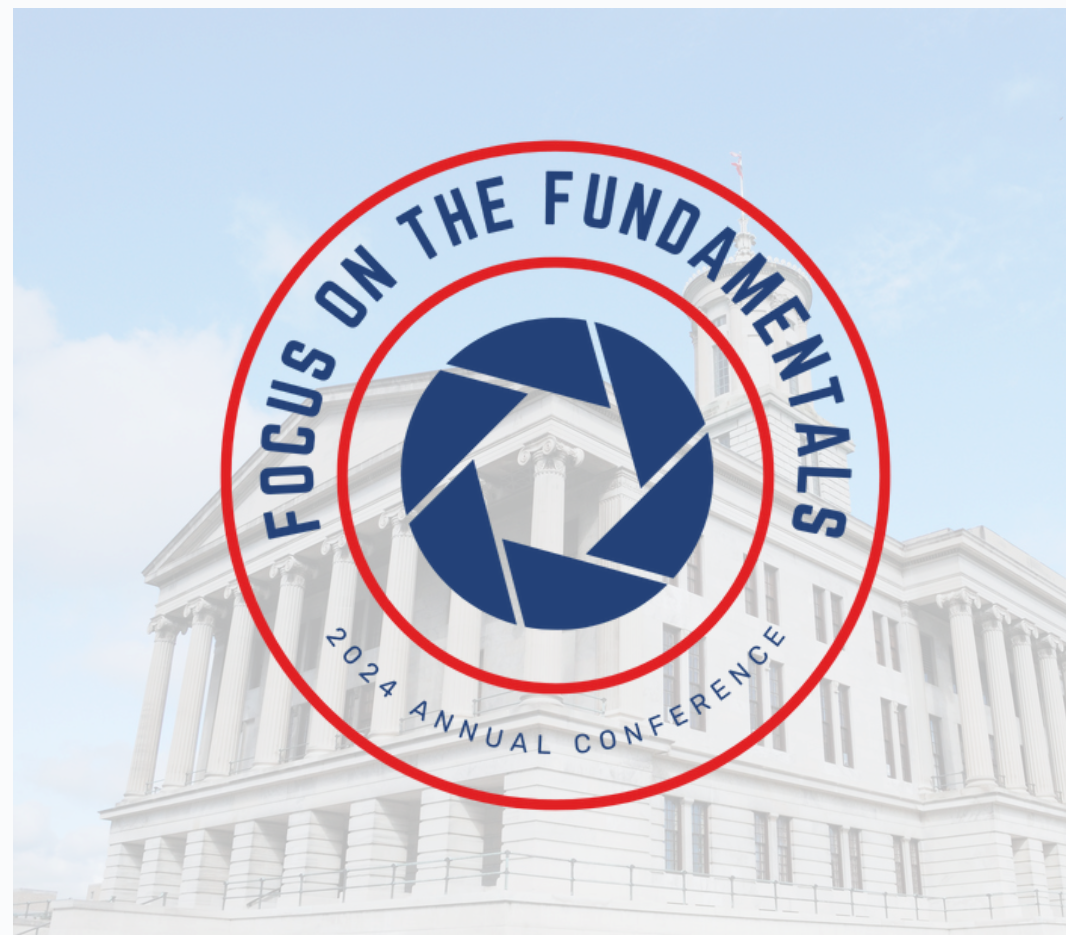
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## SESSION 1: TENNESSEE CHAMBER UPDATE



**Bradley Jackson**  
President & CEO  
Tennessee Chamber

## SESSION 2: TENNESSEE BUREAU OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION PANEL



**Troy Haley**  
Administrator



**Amanda Terry**  
Director of Legal Services



**Kenneth M. Switzer**  
Chief Judge

## SESSION 3: STATE OF THE MARKET



**Scott Buchholz**  
Brown & Brown



**John Hayes**  
Ingram Industries, Inc.



**David Morgan**  
Zurich North America



**Joseph Gaspero**  
Chubb

## SESSION 4: CASE LAW REVIEW



**Donald "Bo" Kirkpatrick**  
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## EMPLOYER PANEL: SAFETY FIRST, A PATH TO PROMOTE ORGANIZATIONAL RESILIENCE



**Vik Ramaswamy**  
Safety National



**Amy Moses**  
McKee Food Corp.



**Tom Rodriguez**  
International Paper



**Dr. Summer Shaffer**  
Premise Health

## ABOUT US

The TNSIA is a non-profit organization advocating for an efficient workers' compensation system and educating employers, insurers, and service providers.

## AGENDA

**Thursday, September 5th**

- 8:30-9:00 – Registration | Breakfast | Visit Vendor Booths | KCOTN Silent Auction
- 9:00-9:15 – Welcome & Update
- 9:15-10:15 – Keynote Address
- 10:15-10:45 – Break | Visit Vendor Booths | KCOTN Silent Auction
- 10:45-11:15 – Session 1: Tennessee Chamber Update
- 11:15-12:00 – Session 2: Tennessee Bureau of Workers' Compensation Panel
- 12:00-1:00 - Networking Lunch
- 1:00-2:00 Session 3: State of the Market
- 2:00-2:30 – Break | Visit Vendor Booths | KCOTN Silent Auction Closes
- 2:30-3:00 - Session 4: Case Law Review
- 3:00-4:00 - Employer Panel: Focus on Safety
- 4:00-4:15 - Closing Remarks | Vendor Bingo Drawing | KCOTN Silent Auction Item Pickup

## KEYNOTE ADDRESS



**Dr. Robert Barth**  
Neuropsychologist  
Barth Neuroscience, PC

### Resolve Claims Through FACTS (Reality) Rather Than Expert Opinion

Expert opinions regularly contradict one another. This nonsense can be eliminated by ignoring opinions, and focusing on reality.

Learning objectives include:

- Reality-based methods (e.g., from the AMA Guides Library) make opinions unnecessary for determinations of:
  - Work-relatedness
  - Restrictions
  - Disability
- These premises have failed scientific scrutiny:
  - The premise that injury causes chronic pain
  - The premise that "concussion" causes persistent impairment
- The premise that civilian adult life events cause mental illness (e.g., "PTSD").
- Reality-based outcome predictors can protect claimants from harmful health care (e.g., spinal cord stimulation, surgery for chronic pain).



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