



# Mississippi Workers' Compensation Commission

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## MEMORANDUM

**TO: Ladies and Gentlemen of the Bar  
Workers Compensation Section**

**FROM: Liles Williams, Chairman**

**RE: Scheduling Oral Arguments**

At a meeting of the Full Commission yesterday, the Commission determined to scrutinize appeals more carefully before granting oral argument with the intended effect of getting cases resolved more expeditiously. While in the past oral argument before the Full Commission has ordinarily been granted if requested, this policy will change -- at least for a while -- as we try to make a determination whether being more judicious with this discretionary right to allow oral argument would benefit the case flow at the Commission.

Henceforth,

1. If you request oral argument, state your reasons cogently. Procedural Rule 10 requires only that you submit a request for oral argument in writing. However, in light of the above be clear about the reason that oral argument would be beneficial to the Commission

And.

2. Write your brief as if you will not be granted oral argument.