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Melodie Belcher attended Georgia State University College of Law where she was an editor on the law review, graduating cum laude in 1992. She then worked as an associate for Swift Currie McGhee & Hiers, representing employers and insurers in workers' compensation claims. In 1999, she joined the State Board of Workers' Compensation as a mediator in the Columbus office. She was appointed Administrative Law Judge in 2002, and served as the Chief Judge from 2009 to 2012. Melodie is an active participant with the Southern Association of Workers' Compensation Administrators and served as the President of the organization from July of 2013 to July of 2014. She currently serves as a co-chair of the Administration and Procedures Committee for that organization. Melodie is a Board Member of the National Association of Workers' Compensation Judiciary. She was inducted as a Fellow of the College of Workers' Compensation Lawyers in 2014. Melodie speaks regularly on a variety of workers' compensation issues and has moderated SAWCA's Regulator Roundtable at WCI in Orlando. She looks forward to again moderating this event in 2018. Melodie has two grown children (both lawyers), two dogs, and lives in LaGrange, Georgia with her husband, Bill (who is not a lawyer).