



# PROTECTING WORKERS Through Your Generosity

The Workers' Injury Law & Advocacy Group<sup>®</sup> is a network of like-minded advocates for workers' rights, sharing information and knowledge, a sense of commitment and kinship, and networking to help each other and their clients. WILG is the only national group representing injured workers on both the state and federal level.

WILG was born out of a small group of like-minded attorneys banding together to share resources and information in order to protect the rights of injured workers across the country. WILG has grown to become THE premier national organization advocating workers rights.

WILG is growing rapidly and attracting the finest claimant's attorneys from across the country. WILG is attracting like-minded organizations and building coalitions around the nation. Increasingly, WILG is also becoming the standard resource for media outlets across the nation on

workers' compensation issues. WILG is listening to the needs of its members, workers and the community and it is striving to meet those needs.

WILG has increased its advocacy for workers and its members in the following ways. It has a contract lobbyist in Washington, DC, where it not only actively lobbies on issues such as MSA, but also works closely with regulatory bodies such as CMS, DOL, OWCP and the GAO.

WILG hired a research director who supports the states in their legislative

battles on workers' compensation issues, develops reports on timely workers' compensation issues and provides opposition research. WILG has become the workers' compensation research/legislative source for the state trial attorney associations around the country. In conjunction with the

*“With the responsibility of meeting its members and their client’s needs, WILG is listening and meeting those needs with excellence. They are doing so with knowledge, understanding and initiative”*

**Edgar N. Romano, Past President**

*“WILG has been an invaluable resource for us as we are facing new challenges every year in the workers’ comp arena, new unwarranted assaults on the rights of injured workers and our members who fight for those rights every day. Any time I have needed an answer to a “what do other states do on this topic” question, WILG has done the research, reached out to other states that have dealt with the same particular assault we are seeing and have been able to give us the answer. And, they actually get the all-important data that we need to be able to blow the horn on what our adversaries are claiming to be their justification for whatever their latest hair-brained legislative assault is for the day. WILG is my go-to resource for workers’ compensation issues.”*

**William Clark, Executive Director, Georgia Trial Lawyers Association**

*"We take pride in the fact that as a national, non-profit association we are dedicated to being responsible stewards of the contributions entrusted to us."*

**Gerald A. Rosenthal, Board Member**

## WORKERS' INJURY LAW & ADVOCACY GROUP®

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National Association of Trial Lawyer Executive's Justice Research Center, WILG has developed an effective "early warning" system which allows it to both gain and disseminate information quickly and identify anti-family/worker legislation as well as track legislative trends and respond.

It is important to note that WILG has assisted over 30 states this year in their workers' compensation legislative battles. There has been a coordinated attack on workers' rights. It is imperative that WILG continues to be able to support the states in their endeavors to beat back these legislative anti-family/worker attacks.

WILG has also files amicus briefs around the country and in the US Supreme Court. It has developed a speaker's bureau and provides presentations on workers' compensation issues at various organizations', and events. The above is in addition to all of the other programs and services that WILG provides it's members such as; networking opportunities (including including various email listservs),

the annual convention, regional events, important commemorative and workers' recognition events; CLE (live and online); our academic publication *Workers' First Watch*; practice sections and a website with incredible resources including white papers, depositions and brief bank.

As WILG grows and strives to meet the needs of its members, injured workers and like-minded coalition groups, its resource needs are increasing. WILG has experienced unprecedented growth both in membership and resources, but also in demands for assistance and expansion of services and programs. In order to continue to grow and increase its efforts to protect workers and to

maintain its network of advocates for workers' rights, our sense of commitment and kinship, and network to help each other and their clients, WILG needs your help.

You can help WILG achieve its higher mission and goals by increasing your dues level, contributing to an event, providing a monthly contribution or considering a planned gift. All gifts and contributions will be gratefully acknowledged. To discuss these options or any other ways in which you wish to contribute to WILG, please contact Jennifer Comer, 603-998-7252 or [Jennifer@wilg.org](mailto:Jennifer@wilg.org).

*"For too many years, as federal laws and regulations were enacted that affected working people, the perspective of the injured worker and the workers' compensation system was not heard and was ignored. WILG is trying to change all that, but it cannot compete on a national level without adequate funding. We really have no choice. We simply have to give financially to allow WILG to grow and expand so that our voice can be heard."*

**Leonard T. Jernigan, WILG Past President**

*"WILG has been an invaluable tool to fight the misinformation and misleading statements made by business interests while in the heat of Legislative discussions. Arguments that 'other' states are doing it better or more 'cost effectively' were quickly dispelled. We also appreciated WILG's quick responses to questions and issues that seemed to endlessly 'pop' up at the last minute. Without WILG's solid support through each difficult step of the legislative process, our outcome would not have been nearly as favorable. I want to personally thank WILG for their relentless energy to provide us with accurate up to the minute data that allowed us to fight misinformation with real facts, allegations with solid truths."*

**Richard L. Warsh, WILG Board Member**

