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SUMMARY:

Come gather ’round lawyers
Wherever you roam
And admit the work comp changes
Around you have grown
And accept it that soon
You’ll be confused to the bone
If your time to you
Is worth savin’
Then you better register
Or your practice’ll sink like a stone
For the times, they are a changin’!

From changes at the Industrial Commission, to new case law and significant statutory and rule revisions, to the evolving regulatory and political climate around us, the world of workers’ compensation practice is rapidly changing from the norms we knew just 5-10 years ago. If you are a busy workers’ compensation practitioner, this annual CLE helps bring you up to speed on the newest contours of our field so you won’t fall behind the times.

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Friday, February 9, 2018, 8:15a–4:45p

8:15a  Registration and Continental Breakfast
       (included at the Live program only)

8:55  Welcome and Introductions

9:00  Update from the Industrial Commission
       Charlton L. Allen
       Chairman Charlton Allen updates us on new developments at the Industrial
       Commission.

9:30  Update from the Executive Secretary’s Office
       Meredith R. Henderson
       Executive Secretary Meredith R. Henderson tells us about the latest developments
       in motions practice, procedures, new rules and proposed rules.

10:00  Coordination of Benefits
       Annemarie Pantazis
       Annemarie Pantazis of Pantazis Law Firm PA, in Charlotte walks us through the
       maze of coordinating state and local government employee benefits with workers’
       compensation.

11:00  Break

11:15  National Update: Medical Marijuana and Workers’ Compensation
       Mark R. Pew
       Medical marijuana bills have been introduced in North Carolina for years but have
       so far failed to pass. Mark Pew, a frequent speaker on drug policy and workers’
       compensation, gives a national update on the interplay of marijuana and workers’
       compensation laws in medical marijuana jurisdictions, then you can decide:
       Should North Carolina ditch all the weed proposals? Or bring on the ditch weed?

12:15p  Networking Lunch (included at Live program only)

1:15  Workers’ Compensation Section Annual Meeting
       Julia S. Hooten, Teague Campbell Dennis & Gorham LLP, Asheville,
       2017-2018 Section Chair, presiding

1:30  The New Wave of Regulatory Responses to the Opioid Epidemic
       Steven A. Mange and Mark R. Pew
       Here comes the Fuzz! In the newest wave of responses to the opioid epidemic,
       lawmakers and regulators are tightening the screws on opioid prescribers with
       more mandatory prescriptions on what these providers can and cannot do. Our
       panel gives us the lay of the land for the latest policy trends and strategies for
       combatting the opioid epidemic, and how those policies may affect the way you
       handle workers’ compensation claims.

2:30  Break  |  Sponsored by Medivest
2:45  **Case Law Update**
Heather T. Baker and Bruce A. Hamilton
Heather T. Baker and Bruce A. Hamilton, both of Teague Campbell Dennis & Gorham, speak about the cases of the past year that every workers’ compensation practitioner needs to know.

4:15  **Update and Practical Tips for Appeals to the Full Commission**
Christopher C. Loutit
Commissioner Christopher C. Loutit offers perspective from the Full Commission and incorporates viewpoints from the Commission’s law clerks to offer practical tips and suggestions, and to answer some of your burning questions about appeals practice before the Full Commission.

4:45  **Adjourn**

4:45  **Networking Reception**  |  Sponsored by Commonwealth Community Trust

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**Saturday, February 10, 2018, 8:30a–12:15p**

8:30a  **Registration and Continental Breakfast**
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9:00  **Ethical Considerations for Mediation of Workers’ Compensation Claims**
H. Randolph “Dolph” Sumner
Dolph Sumner of Mullen Holland & Cooper PA in Gastonia put together a great multimedia presentation to help keep your approach to workers’ compensation mediations between the ditches when it comes to ethical considerations and conforming to the Rules of Professional Conduct.

10:00  **Immigration Policy in 2017 and North Carolina Workers’ Compensation**
Helen L. Parsonage
Helen L. Parsonage of Elliot Morgan Parsonage PLLC discusses how immigration policies under the current administration is impacting workers’ compensation claims and claimants in North Carolina.

11:00  **Break**

11:15  **Wilkes v. City of Greenville and the Legislative Aftermath**
Justice Robin E. Hudson, M. Duane Jones and E. Stewart Poisson
Listen to a panel discussion with Justice Robin Hudson, author of the most notorious workers’ compensation opinion of the year, and amicus counsel from both sides of the case, Duane Jones of Hedrick Gardner Kincheloe & Garafalo in Charlotte, and Stewart Poisson of Poisson Poisson & Bower in Wilmington.

12:15p  **Adjourn**

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- Justice Robin E. Hudson, North Carolina Supreme Court, Raleigh
- Charlton L. Allen, North Carolina Industrial Commission, Raleigh
- Heather T. Baker, Teague Campbell Dennis & Gorham LLP, Raleigh
- Bruce A. Hamilton, Teague Campbell Dennis & Gorham LLP, Raleigh
- Meredith R. Henderson, North Carolina Industrial Commission, Raleigh
- M. Duane Jones, Hedrick Gardner Kincheloe & Garafalo LLP, Charlotte
- Christopher C. Loutit, North Carolina Industrial Commission, Raleigh
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“The materials will be useful for the upcoming year.”

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