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Through the Looking Glass: Issues Surrounding Workers' Compensation in 2019



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**This program includes the
2019 Workers' Compensation
Section Annual Meeting**

AVAILABLE FORMATS



PROGRAM SUMMARY

In addition to providing updates on recent developments and practice tips in the area of workers' compensation, this program encourages attendees to look "through the looking glass" at the important issues that come into play in a workers' compensation claim. A wide range of topics—from mediation to immigration, and recognizing the outside stressors and influences affecting the daily practice of workers' compensation—are also covered.

Attendees receive effective tools to assist with claim resolution, the handling of third-party claims/subrogation issues and information regarding ethical matters specific to workers' compensation claims.

WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING...



Top shelf, as usual!



It was a very good program with relevant topics and useful written materials.



At this point in my career it is hard to find a WC program where I don't feel like I came away without anything of real benefit. This program tackled new topics that were right on point with my practice, and did so for the most part in an entertaining way that kept me listening. Best program I have been to in years.

—Attendees, *The Times They Are a Changin'...*
(2018 Workers' Compensation Section Annual Meeting)

AGENDA

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2019 | 8:15 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.

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| 8:15 | Registration and Continental Breakfast | 12:00 | Networking Lunch |
| 8:55 | Welcome and Introductions | 1:00 | Third-Party Claims and Subrogation Issues
Abrams, Abrams and Pettigrew
Examine the handling of subrogation issues and third-party claims from the perspectives of both plaintiffs and defendants. |
| 9:00 | Update from the Industrial Commission
Allen
Hear about new developments at the Industrial Commission. | 2:00 | Break |
| 9:30 | Update from the Executive Secretary's Office
Henderson
Explore developments in motions practice, procedure, and new and proposed Rules, as well as Form 23 and Form 24 procedures. | 2:15 | Getting Lost in Our Own Lives⁺
Underwood
Lawyers suffer increasingly from depression and anxiety — impairments of their own accord, but also major contributing factors to substance abuse. This session examines some of the root causes of lawyer distress and factors that the legal profession itself and lawyers' personalities contribute to these conditions. Based on the premise that "work-life balance" is a modern-day fiction, the discussion focuses on areas of life that lawyers can control in order to increase their happiness and emotional resilience. |
| 10:30 | Break | 3:15 | Case Law Update
Baker and Hamilton
Delve into relevant cases of the past year that affect the workers' compensation practice. |
| 10:45 | Mediation Medley
Babcock, Fuleihan and McGraw
Gain insight from a panel of experts as they lead a discussion on the "medley" of topics that arise during mediation of workers' compensation claims. Drawing from their years of experience in all aspects of the mediation process, panelists provide tools and guidance to increase the likelihood of success during a workers' compensation mediation. | 4:45 | Adjourn, followed by Networking Reception |
| 11:45 | Workers' Compensation Section Annual Meeting
Holland B. Ferguson, Oxner & Permar PLLC, Charlotte, 2018-2019 Section Chair, presiding | | |

AGENDA

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2019 | 8:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

8:30 **Continental Breakfast**

11:00 **Break**

8:55 **Welcome and Introductions**

11:15 **Medical Cost Projections and Nurse Case Management**
Heidrich

9:00 **Ethical Considerations in Workers' Compensation Claims***
Crone, Eddins-Gentel and Wilson
Enjoy an entertaining and informative presentation of ethical issues that arise in workers' compensation claims and compliance with the Rules of Professional Conduct.

Listen to an overview of nurse case management and learn to evaluate medical cost projections for workers' compensation claims.

10:00 **Impact of Immigration in Workers' Compensation Claims**
Francis, Gerlach and Hurtado
Hear a discussion about the impacts of immigration in the handling of workers' compensation claims from a variety of perspectives.

12:15 **Adjourn**

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PROGRAM DETAILS

SPEAKERS

- **Melissa N. Abrams**, Abrams & Abrams PA, Raleigh
- **Noah B. Abrams**, Abrams & Abrams PA, Raleigh
- **Charlton L. Allen**, North Carolina Industrial Commission, Raleigh
- **Jolinda Babcock**, Tarheel Mediations, Summerfield
- **Heather T. Baker**, Teague Campbell Dennis & Gorham LLP, Raleigh
- **J. William Crone IV**, Anders Newton PLLC, Raleigh
- **Hunter Eddins-Gentel**, Ricci Law Firm PA, Greenville
- **Casey S. Francis**, Deuterma Law Group, Greensboro
- **Neill S. Fuleihan**, Neill S. Fuleihan, Attorney at Law, Asheville
- **Leann A. Gerlach**, Goldberg Segalla, Raleigh
- **Bruce A. Hamilton**, Teague Campbell Dennis & Gorham LLP, Raleigh
- **Lisa Heidrich, RN, ONC, CCM, QRP, LNC**, Your Legal Nurse Consultants PLLC, Huntersville
- **Meredith R. Henderson**, North Carolina Industrial Commission, Raleigh
- **Giovanna Hurtado**, Deuterma Law Group, Greensboro
- **J. Reid McGraw Jr.**, Mullen Holland & Cooper PA, Gastonia
- **Roy G. Pettigrew**, Cranfill Sumner & Hartzog LLP, Raleigh
- **Douglas Underwood**, North Carolina Lawyers Assistance Program, Raleigh
- **J. Timothy Wilson**, Mewborn & DeSelms, Attorneys at Law, Jacksonville

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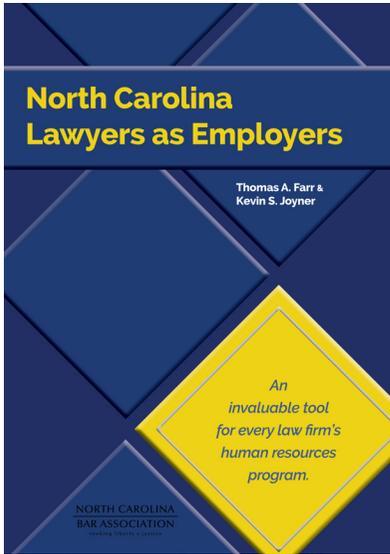
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- **Sarah C. Blair**, Anders Newton PLLC, Raleigh
- **Charles “Trey” Collier III**, Collier Law PLLC, Charlotte

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