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

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Fri.–Sat., February 8–9, 2019
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This program includes the 2019 Workers’ Compensation Section Annual Meeting
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)
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2019 | 8:15 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.

8:15  Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:55  Welcome and Introductions

9:00  Update from the Industrial Commission
      Allen
      Hear about new developments at the Industrial Commission.

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.

10:30 Break

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.

11:45 Workers’ Compensation Section Annual Meeting
      Holland B. Ferguson, Oxner & Permar PLLC, Charlotte, 2018-2019 Section Chair, presiding

12:00 Networking Lunch

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.

2:00 Break

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.

3:15 Case Law Update
      Baker and Hamilton
      Delve into relevant cases of the past year that affect the workers’ compensation practice.

4:45 Adjourn, followed by Networking Reception
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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, Deuterman 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, Deuterman 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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by Thomas A. Farr and Kevin S. Joyner

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