

The Florida Workers' Compensation Institute, Inc. Presents

The

Spring Forum on Workers' Compensation

Friday, June 21, 2019

*Orlando World Center Marriott,
8701 World Center Drive, Orlando, FL*

Florida Workers' Compensation: Claim Strategies For Dealing With The Ever-Changing Law

The Florida workers' compensation system has experienced unprecedented changes since the 2003 revisions in the law. This year's Spring Forum will examine:

- ✦ Legislative, regulatory, and judicial updates on workers' compensation issues;
- ✦ A judicial panel with four outstanding judges;
- ✦ A medical presentation on the hottest issues in the medical treatment of injured workers: opioid abuse;
- ✦ Case law update considering "big cases" decided since last year's conference, as well as pending cases that can greatly influence the Florida workers' compensation system;
- ✦ Developing claims strategies in response to the changing laws, legislatively created and judicially mandated, including a look at "most litigated issues" and recommended strategies for handling;
- ✦ Litigating medical issues with particular emphasis on pharmaceutical costs and abusive practices;
- ✦ Practical tips for handling workers' compensation cases;
- ✦ Understanding how workers' compensation judges think, what they expect from litigants, and perhaps most importantly, "aggravations" you need to avoid;
- ✦ Special breakout for employers including as a handout, the updated Florida Workers' Compensation Desk Manual.

Practical application of the developing law is the central focus of this year's forum. Each attendee will be provided with a course book, with statutory references, outlines, handouts, copies of bills, if any, adopted by the 2018 Legislature and for those participating in the special employer's session, the updated Florida Workers' Compensation Desk Manual. Lunch will be included as a part of the Forum.



Program Agenda

Room Location: Grand Ballroom 7

- 7:30 – 8:15 am **Registration and Coffee**
- 8:15 – 8:30 am **Introduction and Announcements**
- 8:30 – 9:30 am **Attorney Fees and Other Costs in the Florida Workers' Compensation System – both legislatively and practically**
Panel:
James N. McConnaughay, Attorney
McConnaughay, Coonrod, Pope, Weaver & Stern, P.A.
Tallahassee, FL
Steven A. Rissman, Attorney
Rissman, Barrett, Hurt, Donahue, McLain & Mangan, P.A.
Orlando, FL
Michael E. Nebel, Attorney
Law Offices of Michael E. Nebel, P.A.
Orlando, FL
- 9:30 – 10:00 am **Beverage Break with Exhibitors**
- 10:00 – 11:00 am **What Claimants' Lawyers Don't Want You to Know**
Panel:
Daniel T. Jaffe, Attorney
Elise G. Phillips, Attorney
Christopher A. Hanson, Attorney
Rissman, Barrett, Hurt, Donahue, McLain & Mangan, P.A.
Orlando/Tampa, FL
Eric Christiansen, Attorney
Lancaster & Eure
Sarasota, FL
- 11:00 – 12:00 pm **Attorney Fees Are Not the Only Cost Drivers: A Look at Troublesome Claims Issues and Recommendations for Handling**
Panel:
Taysha L. Carmody, Attorney
Caitlin Beyl, Attorney
Laura A. Buck, Attorney
McConnaughay, Coonrod, Pope, Weaver & Stern, P.A.
Fort Lauderdale/Jacksonville/Gainesville, FL
- 12:00 – 1:00 pm **Lunch (provided) - Grand Ballroom 8**
- 1:00 – 2:00 pm **A View From the Bench**
Moderator:
Honorable Robert Dietz
Judge of Compensation Claims
Sebastian, FL

Panel:

Honorable Diane B. Beck
Judge of Compensation Claims
Sarasota, FL
Honorable Margaret E. Sojourner
Judge of Compensation Claims
Orlando, FL
Honorable Jeffrey I. Jacobs
Judge of Compensation Claims
Miami, FL

2:00 – 2:30 pm **Beverage Break with Exhibitors**

2:30 – 3:30 pm **Opioid Use in the Age of Prescription Abuse, Misuse, Diversion and Over-Prescribing**

James D. McCluskey, MD, MPH, PhD,
FACOEM
Tampa, FL

3:30 – 3:45 pm **Prizes with Exhibitors – Must be present to win**

Separate Employer Breakout

Room Location: Grand Ballrooms 4 - 6

Moderator:

James N. McConnaughay, Attorney
McConnaughay, Coonrod, Pope, Weaver & Stern, P.A.
Tallahassee, FL

1:00 – 2:00 pm **When Workers' Compensation Claims Turn Into Civil Liabilities: The Don'ts in Dealing with Workers' Compensation Issues**

Panel:

James N. McConnaughay, Attorney
Hayley L. Folmar, Attorney
McConnaughay, Coonrod, Pope, Weaver & Stern, P.A.
Tallahassee/Jacksonville, FL

2:00 – 2:30 pm **Beverage Break with Exhibitors**

2:30 – 3:30 pm **When a Workers' Compensation Claim Becomes More Than a Workers' Compensation Claim: Avoiding Fee Exposure for ADA, Retaliation and Everything in Between**

Panel:

John P. Daly, Attorney
Sean M. Crocker, Attorney
Rissman, Barrett, Hurt, Donahue, McLain & Mangan, P.A.
Orlando, FL

3:30 – 3:45 pm **Prizes from Exhibitors – Must be present to win**

FLDFS has approved 5-hrs of Adjuster Law & Policy for the main program session: Course Id #108284. They have approved 2-hours of Adjuster Law & Policy for the concurrent Employer Breakout program: Course Id #108285.

HRCI (General) recertification hours have been requested.

This program has been approved for 5 contact hours for nursing continuing education credit by KK Educational Services, FL Board of Nursing Provider No. 50-1163.

Application has been made to the Commission for Case Management Certification for 5 hours continuing education credit.

Direct inquiries regarding continuing education to FWCI – (850) 425-8156.

Sponsorship Opportunities

Prime Sponsors - \$2,500

Prime Sponsors of the Workers' Compensation Spring Forum will receive the following:

- * Full-color banner on stage
- * Verbal acknowledgment and video acknowledgement at the Spring Forum
- * Company logo and 1/2 page advertisement in program agenda notebook given to attendees
- * 6 Complimentary Forum registrations. Special registration forms with your logo will be provided to you for inviting your clients or potential clients to the forum and luncheon. All clients and company reps must complete the complimentary registration and return the form to FWCI.
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- * Table-top exhibit space
- * Participation in prize drawing presentation
- * Spring Forum attendee mailing list

BONUS

Prime Sponsors of BOTH the FWCI Spring Forum and the Workers' Compensation Educational Conference in August will receive these extra benefits at the 2019 Workers' Compensation Conference:

- * 1 complimentary aisle sign sponsorship
- * 1 complimentary floor sign
- * 2 extra tickets to the Monday Night Reception

Exhibit Booth - \$750

A limited quantity of table-top booths are available at the Spring Forum. Each display space includes:

- * 6' draped table + 2 chairs
- * 2 Complimentary Forum registrations
- * Participation in prize drawing presentation
- * Attendee mailing list

Advertisers

Advertising is available in the Spring Forum handbook given to each attendee of the Spring Forum. The ads will be placed in the front of the handbook and will be printed in full-color. Print-quality pdf's are preferred, but most formats are acceptable. Ads are available in the following sizes:

Quarter Page Ad (4 ¼ inches by 5 ½ inches) - \$400

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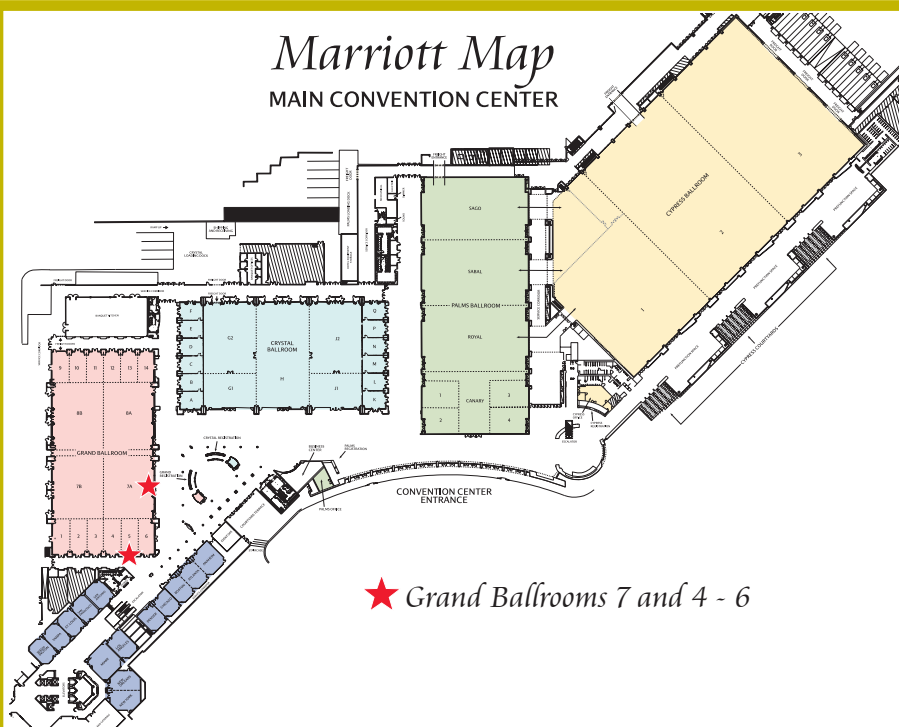
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Registration Form

(You must be registered to attend.)

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HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS:

For your convenience a block of sleeping rooms has been reserved at the Orlando World Center Marriott for this forum. Please complete the following information and a reservation will be processed for you. The sleeping room rate is \$179 per night. Cut-off May 21, 2019.

Number of Rooms _____ King Double Arrival Date _____ Departure Date _____

Check here if you have special needs that require attention.

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REGISTRATION: Mail the completed registration form, along with credit card information (VISA/MC/AmX/Discover) or a check made payable to: Florida Workers' Compensation Institute, Inc., P.O. Box 200, Tallahassee, Florida 32302-0200; or fax form to (850) 521-0222.

Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. The forum is from 8:15 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. and will include beverage breaks and lunch. Cost is \$159.00. Onsite Registration is \$179.00, or if received after June 14, 2019. For more information, contact the Florida Workers' Compensation Institute at (850) 425-8156 or 425-8155. **REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED TO ATTEND.**

REFUND POLICY: Cancellations must be made more than 7 days prior to the seminar. A \$25 processing fee will be charged on all cancellation requests postmarked 7 days prior to the seminar date. Registrants who do not cancel and do not attend the seminar are liable for the entire fee. Refunds will be processed within 30 days following seminar.

SPONSORSHIPS: Sponsors must complete registration form with selected sponsorship and return to FWCI on or before June 7, 2019.