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Tuesday - Georgia WC – The State of the State
Tuesday - Ethics

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Monday April 23, 2018

7:15 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. (Florida Workers' Compensation)

Tuesday, April 24, 2018

7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. (Ethics & Georgia WC – The State of the State)

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Seminar Agenda

Monday, April 23, 2018
Limiting Litigation and Claims Cost in Workers' Compensation
(Location: Habersham)

7:15 a.m. – 7:45 a.m.

Registration & Continental Breakfast

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7:45 a.m. – 7:50 a.m.

Welcome & Announcements - Review of 2018 Florida Desk Manual

-James N. McConnaughbay, McConnaughbay,
Coonrod, Pope, Weaver & Stern, P.A.

7:50 a.m. – 8:10 a.m.

The State of the State - Florida

-James N. McConnaughbay, McConnaughbay,
Coonrod, Pope, Weaver & Stern, P.A.

The Florida Workers' Compensation Law and its rules and regulations are constantly changing. This presentation deals with important decisions made by the recently held legislative session that will affect how claims are handled in Florida. In addition, there will be a discussion of changes in the Florida law that have taken place from an administrative standpoint.

8:10 a.m. – 9:10 a.m.

Caselaw Update

-James N. McConnaughbay & Taysba L. Carmody,
McConnaughbay, Coonrod, Pope, Weaver
& Stern, P.A.

Significant decisions by the Florida First District Court of Appeals and the Florida Supreme Court and their impact on Florida claims handling is the subject of this breakout.

9:10 a.m. – 10:10 a.m.

Reporting a Claim, Return to Work and Challenges of the Employer/Employee Relationship

-R. Stephen Coonrod & Suzanne Yong Gutierrez,
McConnaughbay, Coonrod, Pope, Weaver
& Stern, P.A.

From reporting a claim to the consequences of an unsuccessful return to work, this topic will address statutory requirements as well as solutions to the problem of a claimant who seems unwilling to go back to his or her job.

10:10 a.m. – 10:25 a.m.

Break

10:25 a.m. – 11:25 a.m.

Mediating a Claim

-Robert D. Pope & Caitlin Beyl, McConnaughbay,
Coonrod, Pope, Weaver & Stern, P.A.

In a field where mediation is mandatory and highly beneficial, participants need a comprehensive understanding of negotia-

tion tactics and strategies. This session discusses the common challenges parties face at mediation to include payment of attorney's fees, child support and liens. This section will address how to properly document parties agreements and what to do when an agreement needs to be enforced.

11:25 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Lunch (Provided) (Location - Garden Court)

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12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.

Determining Whether Certain Injuries or Conditions are Compensable Under the Workers' Compensation Act

-Melissa A. Volk & Jennifer T. Reimsnyder,
McConnaughbay, Coonrod, Pope, Weaver
& Stern, P.A.

This breakout will provide a compensability analysis to various claimed injuries or conditions that may or may not be excluded under Florida Workers' Compensation Law, as well as to teach coverage requirements and standards of compensability for those injuries or conditions.

1:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

Adjuster and Employer Depositions

-E. Louis Stern & Patrick E. Weaver,
McConnaughbay, Coonrod, Pope, Weaver
& Stern, P.A.

With claimant's attorney hourly attorney fees restored adjuster and employer depositions are being scheduled. It is crucial that you come to the deposition prepared. This topic discusses preparation for the deposition and what to expect to take place in the deposition.

2:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Break

2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Medical Benefits

-Susan N. Marks & Sean S. O'Connor,
McConnaughbay, Coonrod, Pope, Weaver
& Stern, P.A.

Under the current statutory provisions, there are many challenges in monitoring and addressing ongoing medical treatment in an active workers' compensation claim. Once a claim becomes litigated, timely and accurate payment and denial of medical benefits is critically important. This course will discuss issues arising from Section 440.13, Florida Statutes, interpretation of opinions from the First District Court of Appeal, and practical application of statutory provisions and decisional law to handling workers' compensation claims.

Tuesday, April 24, 2018
2018 Ethics and Georgia WC – The State of the State
(Location: Habersham)

7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

Registration & Continental Breakfast

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8:00 a.m. – 9:40 a.m.

Georgia Hot Topics and Issues

-Hanna J. Williams, McConnaughbay, Coonrod, Pope,
Weaver & Stern, P.A.,
Casey B. Foreman & Karen J. Gibson, Levy, Sibley,
Foreman & Speir, LLC

This presentation will cover changes in the statutes and rules (including the WC-PMT) as well as ongoing common issues in handling Georgia workers' compensation claims such as panels, MSAs, return to work, and forms. In addition, the presentation will have an open forum for questions on any other topics of interest.

9:40 a.m. – 9:55 a.m.

Break

9:55 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

Georgia Workers' Compensation – Notes From the Board

-Honorable David Imabara, Honorable Elizabeth
Gobeil, Phillip A. Sibley & Kelly R. Speir, Levy, Sibley,
Foreman & Speir, LLC

Panel of Judges will discuss any new happenings regarding ICMS and EDI, other new happenings at the Board, litigation best practices and key Appellate Division decisions.

10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

How to Deal with Pain and the Opioid Crisis

-James M. Elliott, Jr., Nathan C. Levy, Levy, Sibley,
Foreman & Speir, LLC & Paul L. Mefferd, D.O.

Panel will discuss the opioid epidemic and what is being done in Georgia to combat it.

11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

Lunch (Provided)

(Location - Garden Court)

12:45 p.m. – 1:35 p.m.

Ethics: How To Stay On The Right Track! (Part One)

* Florida and Georgia credits
-Tracey J. Hyde, Caitlin Beyl & Hayley L. Folmar,
McConnaughbay, Coonrod, Pope, Weaver
& Stern, P.A.

This 3-hour program is designed to address proper claims handling which involves decision making on a day-to-day basis. While many of the daily decisions made by adjusters and agents are black and white, numerous other decisions involve making judgment calls about issues that could go in a multitude of directions. What is the right thing to do and how do you figure that out? This program will focus on the guidelines that all adjusters must follow in order to make ethical decisions in performing their daily job responsibilities to try to keep you on the right track! Throughout the program, we will focus on the statutory and administrative code rules for Florida, although Georgia credits are also awarded. Case law dealing with ethical issues will also be discussed.

1:35 p.m. – 2:25 p.m.

Ethics: How To Stay On The Right Track! (Part Two)

* Florida and Georgia credits

2:25 p.m. – 2:40 p.m.

Break

2:40 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Ethics: How To Stay On The Right Track! (Part Three)

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