

The Florida Workers' Compensation Institute, Inc. Presents

The

Spring Forum on Workers' Compensation

Friday, April 6, 2018

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 special medical panel discussing medical issues relating to the major contributing cause of injuries from a medical and legal standpoint;
- * 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;
- * 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 2018 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, and copies of bills, if any, adopted by the 2018 Legislature. Lunch will be included as a part of the Forum.



Program Agenda

Room Location: Grand Ballroom 8

- 7:30 – 8:15 am **Registration and Coffee**
- 8:15 – 8:30 am **Introduction and Announcements**
- 8:30 – 9:30 am **Strategies Claimants' Lawyers are Using to Maximize Fees After Castellanos and Miles**
Panel:
James N. McConnaughhay, Attorney
McConnaughhay, Coonrod, Pope, Weaver & Stern, P.A.
Tallahassee, FL
Steven A. Rissman, Attorney
Rissman, Barrett, Hurt, Donahue, McLain & Mangan, P.A.
Orlando, FL
- 9:30 – 10:00 am **Beverage Break with Exhibitors**
- 10:00 – 11:00 am **Litigating Medical Costs, Procedures and Issues**
Panel:
Suzanne Y. Gutierrez, Attorney
Melissa A. Volk, Attorney
Caitlin Beyl, Attorney
McConnaughhay, Coonrod, Pope, Weaver & Stern, P.A.
Fort Lauderdale/Sarasota/Jacksonville, FL
- 11:00 – 12:00 pm **That Indemnity Show**
Panel:
David K. Beach, Attorney
Stacie B. Greene, Attorney
Christopher E. Dennis, Attorney
Laralee M. Garvin, Attorney
Rissman, Barrett, Hurt, Donahue, McLain & Mangan, P.A.
Orlando/Tampa, FL
- 12:00 – 1:00 pm **Lunch - Grand Ballroom 7**
- 1:00 – 2:00 pm **View From The Bench**
Moderator:
Honorable Diane B. Beck
Judge of Compensation Claims
Sarasota, FL
Panel:
Honorable Iliana Forte
Judge of Compensation Claims
Ft. Lauderdale, FL
Honorable Thomas A. Hedler
Judge of Compensation Claims
West Palm Beach, FL
Honorable William R. Holley
Judge of Compensation Claims
Jacksonville, FL

- 2:00 – 2:30 pm **Beverage Break with Exhibitors**
- 2:30 – 3:30 pm **Major Contributing Cause and the Daubert Standard**
Panel:
Philip A. Meinhardt, M.D.
Jewett Orthopaedics
Orlando, FL
Daniel T. Jaffe, Attorney
Rissman, Barrett, Hurt, Donahue, McLain & Mangan, P.A.
Tampa, FL
Laura A. Buck, Attorney
McConnaughhay, Coonrod, Pope, Weaver & Stern, P.A.
Gainesville, FL
- 3:30 – 3:45 pm **Prizes from the Exhibitors – must be present to win**

Separate Employer Breakout

Room Location: Grand Ballrooms 4 - 6

- Moderator:**
James N. McConnaughhay, Attorney
McConnaughhay, Coonrod, Pope, Weaver & Stern, P.A.
Tallahassee, FL
- 1:00 – 2:00 pm **Civil Liability – Outside the Exclusive Remedy Doctrine**
(Updated WC Desk Manual included.)
Panel:
James N. McConnaughhay, Attorney
Hayley L. Folmar, Attorney
McConnaughhay, Coonrod, Pope, Weaver & Stern, P.A.
Tallahassee/Jacksonville, FL
- 2:00 – 2:30 pm **Beverage Break with Exhibitors**
- 2:30 – 3:30 pm **Subrogation for Employers and Adjusters: How Your Investigation Can Result in Recovery of Your Money**
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 the Exhibitors – must be present to win**

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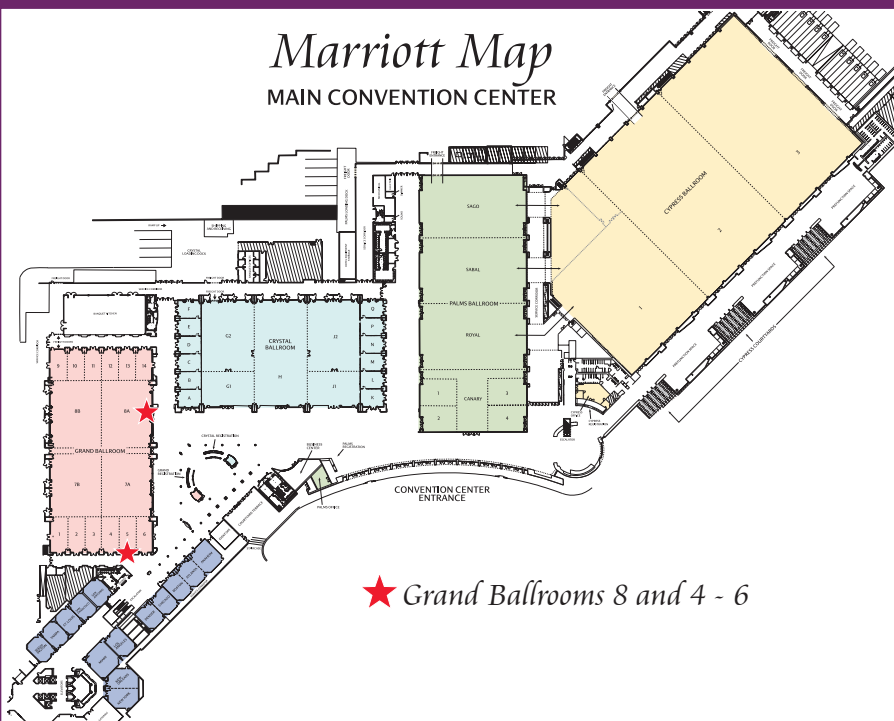
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★ Grand Ballrooms 8 and 4 - 6

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

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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 March 30, 2018. For more information, contact the Florida Workers' Compensation Institute at (850) 425-8156 or 425-8155. REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED TO ATTEND.

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