

Florida Workers' Compensation Issues: 2020 Claims Handling Update

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Webinars

Wednesday, July 8, 2020, 12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m. CDT

The State of the State - Florida

-James N. McConnaughay

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.

Wednesday, July 8, 2020, 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. CDT

Caselaw Update

-Tracey J. Hyde & Christopher D. White

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.

Wednesday, July 15, 2020, 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. CDT

Medical Benefits

-Christopher G. McCue & Robert D. Pope

Under the current statutory provisions governing medical care and treatment in Florida, there are many challenges to address and pitfalls to avoid on your way to successfully resolving a claim. This course will discuss the most common issues arising under Section 440.13, interpretation of those provisions by Judges of Compensation Claims and the First District court of Appeal, and practical ways to properly handle requests for treatment that may arise under the statute.

Wednesday, July 22, 2020, 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. CDT

Steps Adjusters and Employers Can Take to Minimize Attorney Fees and Litigation

-E. Louis Stern & Patrick E. Weaver

What areas of claims handling are opening the door for increased attorney fee exposure? We will identify and discuss the areas of claims handling that leave you most vulnerable to attorney fees. Limiting or avoiding the attorney fee exposure puts you in a stronger position to reach a favorable settlement of the claim and closure of your file.

Wednesday, July 29, 2020, 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. CDT

Misrepresentation 440.09/440.105

-Laura A. Buck & Susan N. Marks

This presentation will discuss how to successfully raise and prove the misrepresentation defense. The various types of misrepresentations, with case law examples, will also be discussed.

Wednesday, August 5, 2020, 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. CDT

How to Avoid Inadvertent Acceptance of Non-Compensable Conditions

-R. Stephen Coonrod & Suzanne Yong Gutierrez

Conditions that are diagnosed by authorized treating physicians are often deemed to be covered by workers compensation if they are not timely denied. The panel will discuss the law governing claim acceptance and how to avoid being found responsible for otherwise non compensable conditions.

Wednesday, August 12, 2020, 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. CDT

Benefits Payable, Offsets

-Jennifer T. Reimsnyder & Melissa A. Volk

For any claim that reaches lost-time status, the timely and accurate payment of indemnity benefits is critical to the proper handling, analysis, and defense of the claim. Application of potential offsets is just as critical to an effective resolution of a claim. The course will discuss each category of indemnity benefits potentially payable to an injured worker, current issues involving particular categories of indemnity benefits, and the impact of offsets on payment of indemnity, exposure on claims, and settlement utilizing offsets.

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