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Seminar Agenda

A Discussion Focused on Cost Containment and Limiting Litigation in Workers' Compensation

June 14, 2022

8:45 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. EST

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.

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. EST

Accidents, Injuries, and Occupational Diseases

-R. Stephen Coonrod & Suzanne Yong Gutierrez

What types of medical conditions and illnesses are compensable under Florida Law? The Panel will discuss the statutory requirements for compensability of physical and mental conditions, including infectious diseases such as COVID.

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. EST

Recent JCC Trends

-Susan N. Marks & Jennifer T. Reimsnyder

This presentation will focus on recent decisions by the Judges of Compensation Claims, regarding relevant litigated Chapter 440 and 60Q issues that are routinely surfacing across the State.

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. EST

Caselaw Update

-Tracey J. Hyde, Ryan Davis & Taysba L. Carmody

Recent significant decisions by the Florida First District Court of Appeal and the Florida Supreme Court over the past year and their impact on Florida claims handling is the subject of this breakout.

June 15, 2022

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. EST

Misrepresentation 440.09/440.105

-Melissa A. Volk & Laura A. Buck

In Florida, workers' compensation benefits can be discontinued if it is found that the claimant has knowingly or intentionally made any misrepresentation for the purpose of obtaining benefits, as outlined in 440.09 and 440.105. This presentation will outline all elements needed for a successful misrepresentation defense, and provide examples of misrepresentation defenses.

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. EST

Circumstances, Claims and Litigation Management

-E. Louis Stern & Patrick E. Weaver

In order to control the exposure of the claim, the adjuster has to manage the circumstances that are presented. The presentation will discuss ways for the adjuster to anticipate the issues and contain the costs.

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. EST

Resolution of Workers' Compensation Medical Bills, and How To Limit Prescription Costs In Florida

-Caitlin Beyl & Ralph P. Douglas, Jr.

This presentation will focus on reimbursement of medical bills under the FL WC System. With increasing costs of procedures and pharmaceuticals, this session will focus on how to keep claim cost down while ensuring injured workers receive appropriate compensable care.

2022 Ethics and Georgia WC – The State of the State Webinars

June 21, 2022

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. EST

Georgia Case Law Update

-Caitlin Beyl, Hanna J. Williams & Ryan Davis

This presentation will discuss Court of Appeals and Supreme Court cases covering workers' compensation issues and the relevance and impact from the Employer and Insurer's perspective.

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. EST

Georgia Workers' Compensation – State of the State

-Honorable David Imabara, Chief Judge, Georgia State Board of Workers' Compensation, Caitlin Beyl, Hanna J. Williams & Ryan Davis

This presentation will be a discussion of the most recent changes to the Board rules, current relevant issues with the Georgia State Board of Workers' Compensation, litigation best practices, and tips for handling of claims.

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. EST

How Can I End Benefits?

-Caitlin Beyl, Hanna J. Williams & Ryan Davis

This presentation will discuss strategies to suspend benefits including the WC-240 process and pitfalls, WC-104, impact of maximum medical improvement, how and when you can file a controvert, and the WC-PMT practice.

June 22, 2022

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. EST

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

* Florida and Georgia credits

-Melissa A. Volk, Elaura K. Hodgetts & Laura A. Buck

There are critical elements to resolving workers' compensation claims that require the claims representative to interact with the parties on both sides of the issue. This session will demonstrate, through a discussion of statutes, administrative code, case law, and ethical scenarios that claims representatives must act in good faith with all concerned to resolve the issues of a claim.

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. EST

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

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11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. EST

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

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