

The Florida Bar 2015 Workers' Compensation Forum Agenda

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8TH

5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Exhibitor Setup

Welcome Reception from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. *Courtesy of Sponsoring Law Firms*

THURSDAY, APRIL 9th: Registration 7:30 - 8:30 a.m.

TRACK 1:

- 8:30 – 8:45 a.m. **Welcome by Florida Bar Workers' Compensation Section**
Leopoldo (Leo) Garcia, Jr., Forum Chair
- 8:45 – 9:45 a.m. **Compensability of Accidents**
Ricardo Morales, Attorney, Doral
- 9:45 – 10:45 a.m. **The Employment Relationship, Employee Leasing Companies, Covered and Excluded Employment, Defenses to Claims and Fraud**
W. Rogers Turner, Attorney, Winter Park
- 10:45 - 11:30 a.m. **Sponsored Break**
- 11:30 – 12:30 p.m. **Mental and Nervous Injuries, Heart Attacks (Other than Presumptions) and Internal Failures**
Christopher J. Smith, Attorney, Tampa
- 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. **Sponsored Lunch**
William H. Rogner, Section Chair
- 1:30 – 2:20 p.m. **Repetitive Trauma, Exposure and Occupational Disease**
Blake J. Hood, Attorney, Jacksonville
- 2:20 – 3:10 p.m. **Average Weekly Wage and Indemnity Benefits (Other than PTD)**
Joanne M. Prescott, Attorney, Orlando
Mark A. Touby, Attorney, Coral Gables
- 3:10 – 3:45 p.m. **Sponsored Break**
- 3:45 – 4:45 p.m. **Employer's Liability, Immunity, Aguilera, Bad Faith, and RICO Claims**
Donald S. Bennett, Attorney, Tampa
Gerald A. Rosenthal, Attorney, West Palm Beach
- 4:45 – 7:00 p.m. **Reception (Courtesy of Sponsoring Law Firms)**

FRIDAY, APRIL 10th

TRACK 1:

- 8:30 – 8:45 a.m. **Introductory Comments**
Leopoldo (Leo) Garcia, Jr., Forum Chair
- 8:45 – 9:45 a.m. **Medical Benefits, Managed Care and Rehabilitation Benefits**
M. Kemmerly Thomas, Attorney, Tallahassee
Richard B. Berman, Attorney, Fort Lauderdale
- 9:45 – 10:45 a.m. **Social Security and Other Offsets and Supplemental Benefits**
James F. Fee, Jr., Attorney, Miami
- 10:45 – 11:15 a.m. **Sponsored Break**
- 11:15 – 12:15 p.m. **Controversies between Carriers and Workers' Compensation Subrogation Liens**
Brian B. Bolton, Attorney, Lake Mary
George A. Helm, III, Attorney, Lake Mary
- 12:15 – 1:30 p.m. **Lunch, Sponsor Appreciation & Door Prizes**
Stacy L. Hosman, Executive Director, WCCP Association
- 1:30 – 2:20 p.m. **Trial Practice and Procedures, Motions and Sanctions**
Hon. Ellen H. Lorenzen, JCC, Tampa
Laurie Thrower Miles, Attorney, Lakeland
- 2:20 – 3:10 p.m. **Attorney's Fees, Costs and Section 57.105 Fees**
H. George Kagan, Attorney, West Palm Beach
Michael J. Winer, Attorney, Tampa
- 3:10 – 4:00 p.m. **Permanent Total Disability**
Michael D. Rudolph, Attorney, Jacksonville
Nisha Desai Waranch, Attorney, Orlando
- 4:00 p.m. **Adjournment**

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TRACK 2:

- 8:30 – 8:45 a.m. **Welcome by WCCP Association**
Stacy L. Hosman, Executive Director, WCCP Association
- 8:45 – 9:45 a.m. **Managing and Achieving the Complicated Workers' Compensation Settlement**
Rita M. Wilson, CEO, Tower MSA Partners
Pattie Howell, Director of WC Claims, TriNet
Jeffrey J. Branham, Attorney, Orlando
- 9:45 – 10:45 a.m. **Government Employees and Presumptions**
Alan D. Kalinoski, Attorney, Orlando
Tonya A. Oliver, Attorney, New Port Richey
- 10:45 – 11:30 a.m. **Sponsored Break**
- 11:30 – 12:30 p.m. **Death and Dependency**
Henry J. Roman, Attorney, Miami
- 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. **Sponsored Lunch**
William H. Rogner, Section Chair
- 1:30 – 2:20 p.m. **Constitutionality of Chapter 440 - Where are we now?**
William H. Rogner, Attorney, Orlando
Richard A. Sicking, Attorney, Miami
Mark L. Zientz, Attorney, Miami
- 2:20 – 3:10 p.m. **A View from the Bench**
Hon. Richard S. Thompson (Retired), Attorney, Sarasota
Hon. Sylvia Medina-Shore, JCC, Miami
Hon. Wilber W. Anderson, JCC, Daytona Beach
Hon. David W. Langham, Deputy Chief Judge, Pensacola
- 3:10 – 3:45 p.m. **Sponsored Break**
- 3:45 – 4:45 p.m. **Trial Practice and Use of Vocational Experts**
Panel: Moderator, Bill R. England, Vocational Expert
Jeffrey E. Appel, Attorney, Lakeland
Robert J. Grace, Jr., Attorney, Tampa
Gil Spruance, Vocational Expert
- 4:45 – 7:00 p.m. **Reception (Courtesy of Sponsoring Law Firms)**

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- 8:30 – 8:45 a.m. **Introductory Comments**
- 8:45 – 9:45 a.m. **The Neck Bone is connected to the Shoulder Bone**
C. Bradley (Brad) Hall, Jr., Attorney, Sarasota
Morgan A. Indek, Attorney, Orlando
Lawrence S. Halperin, M.D., Orlando Orthopaedic Center
Steven E. Weber, D.O., Orlando Orthopaedic Center
- 9:45 – 10:45 a.m. **Examination of Medical Experts, Major Contributing Cause, Aggravation and Apportionment**
Christopher L. Petruccelli, Attorney, Tampa
Glen D. Wieland, Attorney, Orlando
Steven E. Weber, D.O., Orlando Orthopaedic Center
- 10:45 – 11:15 a.m. **Sponsored Break**
- 11:15 – 12:15 p.m. **Judges and Lawyers Round Table**
Leopoldo (Leo) Garcia, Jr., Attorney, Miami
Jeffrey I. Jacobs, Attorney, Miami
Hon. Neil P. Pitts, JCC, Orlando
Hon. Charles M. Hill, III, JCC, Miami
- 12:15 – 1:30 p.m. **Lunch, Sponsor Appreciation & Door Prizes**
Stacy L. Hosman, Executive Director, WCCP Association
- 1:30 - 2:20 p.m. **Winning Mediation Strategies**
Stuart F. Suskin, Mediator, Gainesville
John P. Brooks, Mediator, Daytona
- 2:20 – 3:10 p.m. **Heart and Lung from a Doctor's Perspective**
David E. Perloff, M.D., Broward Health
- 3:10 – 4:00 p.m. **Managing Pain Management**
Dawn R. Traverso, Attorney, Miami
Sherrie Goldsmith, Sunshine Approach
Gary M. Richman, M.D., Orthopedic Center of Palm Beach County
- 4:00 p.m. **Adjournment**