

# 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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**TRACK 2:**

- 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. Petrucci, 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**