

Florida Workers' Compensation Issues: 2017 Claims Handling Update

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7:15 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

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Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33334
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Seminar Agenda

7:15 a.m. – 7:45 a.m.

Registration

7:45 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

Welcome & Announcements - Review of 2017 Florida Desk Manual and The State of the State - Florida

-James N. McConnaughhay

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.

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Caselaw Update

*-James N. McConnaughhay
& Taysba L. Carmody*

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.

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Coverage and Compensable Accidents

*-Suzanne Yong Gutierrez
& R. Stephen Coonrod*

Who is required to have Workers Compensation coverage in Florida? What types of employment are excluded from Workers Compensation and under what circumstances is the statutory employer/employee relationship created? These questions and others will be addressed as part of an overview of Florida Workers Compensation. Compensability issues involving intentional acts and altercations will also be a focus of the presentation, as will be the unique Workers Compensation benefits available for certain occupations and injuries.

10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

Break

10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

Impact of Attorney's Fees on Claims Management

-E. Louis Stern & Joseph Wesley Hammons

Recent court decisions greatly impact the decisions you make in handling the claim and how you need to respond to claims and petitions for benefits to avoid the increased costs associated with attorney fees.

11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Lunch (Provided)

12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.

Course and Scope

-Melissa A. Volk & Charlotte P. Zubizarreta

The initial consideration of compensability of a workers' compensation claim begins with the analysis of two matters: whether an injury "arises out of" the employment, AND whether an injury occurs within the "course and scope" of employment. The presentation analyzes the second prong, "course and scope" of employment, and focuses on the interpretation of pertinent statutory provisions. It will attempt to demonstrate unusual employment situations in which workers' compensation coverage is permitted should an accident occur. Likewise, there are some accidents not normally considered "on the job" which are compensable, which will be discussed.

1:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

Accident Investigation and the Effective Use of Surveillance

-Scott R. Schomber

Accidents in the workplace can constitute a huge expense and can negatively impact an organization's bottom-line and morale. This presentation will discuss how to effectively investigate and document accidents once they occur with an emphasis on the legal aspects of the investigation and on preventing future accidents. This presentation will also address when surveillance should be utilized in a case and how, if conducted correctly, it can significantly reduce claim exposure.

2:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Break

2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Medical Benefits

-Jacqueline B. Steele & Rachel L. Dobson

This presentation shall discuss §440.09 and §440.13 of the Florida Statutes, addressing what medical benefits are compensable, limitations to those compensable medical benefits, along with litigation strategies to pursue and pitfalls to avoid throughout the handling of a claim.

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