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The 2022 Florida Bar Workers' Compensation Forum

April 7 – 8, 2022



Omni Orlando Resort at ChampionsGate
1500 Masters Blvd.
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Lecture Program-Day 1

Wednesday, April 6th 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. Exhibitor Set-Up

Welcome Cocktail from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Courtesy of Sponsoring Law Firms

Welcome Cocktail Location: Exhibit Hall

THURSDAY, APRIL 7th: Registration 7:30 - Continental Breakfast

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TRACK 1:

- 8:30 – 8:45 a.m. **Welcome by Florida Bar Workers' Compensation Section**
Leopoldo (Leo) Garcia, Jr., Attorney, Miami, Forum Co-Chair
- 8:45 – 9:45 a.m. **Compensability of Accidents; Mental and Nervous Injuries, Heart Attacks (Other than Presumptions) and Internal Failures**
Michael J. Winer, Attorney, Tampa
W. Rogers Turner, Attorney, Winter Park
- 9:45 – 10:45 a.m. **The Employment Relationship, Employee Leasing Companies, Covered and Excluded Employment, Defenses to Claims and Fraud**
Matthew J. Troy, Attorney, Orlando
Kenneth M. Hesser, Attorney, Ocala
- 10:45 – 11:10 a.m. **Sponsored Break**
- 11:10 – 12:10 p.m. **Average Weekly Wage and Indemnity Benefits (Other than PTD)**
Rosemary B. Eure, Attorney, Sarasota
- 12:10 – 1:30 p.m. **Sponsored Lunch**
Mark Touby, Attorney, Coral Gables, Section Chair and Forum Co-Chair
- 1:30 – 2:20 p.m. **Exposure, Occupational Disease and Repetitive Trauma**
Karen J. Cullen, Attorney, Orlando
Bryan R. Greenberg, Attorney, Port Charlotte
- 2:40 – 3:00 p.m. **Transition from Track II to Track I for First DCA Oral Arguments**
- 3:15 – 5:00 p.m. **First DCA Oral Arguments and Q and A**
- 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. **Reception (Courtesy of Sponsoring Law Firms)**

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. **Current Trends in Workers' Compensation**
Hon. David W. Langham, Deputy Chief Judge, Pensacola
Hon. Jacquelyn L. Newman, JCC, Tallahassee
Dawn R. Traverso, Attorney, Aventura
Kimberly J. Syfrett, Attorney, Pensacola
- 9:45 – 10:45 a.m. **Judges and Lawyers Round Table**
Leopoldo (Leo) Garcia, Jr., Attorney, Miami
Hon. Neal P. Pitts, JCC, Orlando
Hon. Sylvia Medina-Shore, JCC, Miami
- 10:45 – 11:10 a.m. **Sponsored Break**
- 11:10 – 12:10 p.m. **Evidence Matters**
Hon. Jeffrey I. Jacobs, JCC, Miami
Hon. Iliana Forte, JCC, Ft. Lauderdale
Hon. Erik B Grindal, JCC, Sarasota
Hon. Jonathan E. Walker, JCC, Pensacola
- 12:10 – 1:30 p.m. **Sponsored Lunch**
Mark Touby, Attorney, Coral Gables, Section Chair and Forum Co-Chair
- 1:30 – 2:20 p.m. **A View from the Bench**
Panel: Moderator, Hon. Richard S. Thompson (Retired), Attorney, Sarasota
Hon. Daniel A. Lewis, JCC, Ft. Lauderdale
Hon. John P. Moneyham, JCC, Panama City Beach
Hon. Rita L. Young, JCC, St. Petersburg
- 2:40 – 3:00 p.m. **Transition from Track II to Track I for First DCA Oral Arguments**
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Lecture Program-Day 2

FRIDAY, APRIL 8th: 7:30 a.m. - Continental Breakfast

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TRACK 1:

- 8:30 – 8:45 a.m. **Introductory Comments**
Leopoldo (Leo) Garcia, Jr., Attorney, Miami, Forum Co-Chair
- 8:45 – 9:45 a.m. **Employer's Liability, Immunity, Aguilera, Bad Faith and Rico Claims**
Tracey J. Hyde, Attorney, Panama City
- 9:45 – 10:45 a.m. **Permanent Total Disability**
Jeffrey M. Friedman, Attorney, Stuart
Thomas P. Vecchio, Attorney, Lakeland
- 10:45 – 11:15 a.m. **Sponsored Break**
- 11:15 – 12:15 p.m. **Medical Benefits, Managed Care and Rehabilitation Benefits**
Marissa Hoffman, Attorney, Jupiter
Christopher J. Smith, Attorney, Tampa
- 12:15 – 1:30 p.m. **Lunch, Sponsor Appreciation & Door Prizes**
Stacy L. Hosman, Executive Director, WCCP Association
- 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. **Attorney's Fees and Costs**
Alexander Blanco, Attorney, Coral Gables
Nisha D. Waranch, Attorney, Winter Park
- 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. **Trial Practice and Procedures, Motions and Sanctions**
Hon. William R. Holley, JCC, Jacksonville
Michael D. Rudolph, Attorney, Jacksonville
Andrew R. Borah, Attorney, Deerfield Beach
- 3:30 p.m. **Adjournment**

TRACK 2:

- 8:30 – 8:45 a.m. **Introductory Comments**
- 8:45 – 9:45 a.m. **Death and Dependency**
Neil Ambekar, Attorney, Orlando
- 9:45 – 10:45 a.m. **Major Contributing Cause, Aggravation, Apportionment, and Examination of Medical Experts**
Sal A. Richardson, Attorney, Ft. Lauderdale
Ivan P. Morales, Attorney, Hialeah
Steven E. Weber, D.O., Orlando Orthopaedic Center
- 10:45 – 11:15 a.m. **Sponsored Break**
- 11:15 – 12:15 p.m. **What You NEED to Know About Medicare, Medicaid, MAP, Part D Liens and Double Damages Liability to Protect You and Your Clients**
Mark S. Popolizio, Attorney, North Miami Beach
Stuart F. Suskin, Mediator, Gainesville
- 12:15 – 1:30 p.m. **Lunch, Sponsor Appreciation & Door Prizes**
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- 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. **Government Employees and Presumptions**
George A. Helm, III, Attorney, Lake Mary
Kelli B. Hastings, Attorney, Orlando
David E. Perloff, M.D., Florida Medical Center, Ft. Lauderdale
- 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. **Technology & The Law: Protecting the Practice**
Christopher L. McClure, Attorney, Miami
Hon. Walter J. Havers, JCC, Miami
Audrey Castro, Attorney, Miami
- 3:30 p.m. **Adjournment**

Friday, April 8, 2022 Judicial Breakout

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

JCC Breakfast with the First DCA

9:00 a.m. – 9:50 a.m.

Case Law Update

Karen M. Gilmartin, Attorney, Miami Lakes; Mark A. Touby, Attorney, Coral Gables

9:55 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

Emerging Trends of Evidence

Glen D. Wieland, Attorney, Orlando; Ray Malca, Attorney, Miami

10:45 a.m. – 11:10 a.m. **Sponsored Break**

11:10 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

View from the Appellate Perspective

William H. Rogner, Attorney, Orlando; Randall T. Porcher, Attorney, Tallahassee

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