

# The Florida Bar 2012 Workers' Compensation Forum

April 12<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012

## Agenda

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11TH

6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Exhibitor Setup and Welcome

Welcome Reception from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. for Early Arrivals  
(Courtesy: Sponsoring Law Firms)

### THURSDAY, APRIL 12th - National Ballroom A

#### TRACK 1:

- 8:30 – 8:45 a.m. **Welcome by Florida Bar WC Section**  
*Allison Hunnicutt Hauser, Forum Chair*
- 8:45 – 9:45 a.m. **Compensability of Accidents**  
*Christopher Smith, Attorney, Tampa*
- 9:45 – 10:45 a.m. **The Employment Relationship; Employee Leasing Companies; Covered and Excluded Employment; Defenses to Claims; Fraud**  
*Alan Kalinoski, Attorney, Orlando*
- 10:45 – 11:15 a.m. **Break**
- 11:15 – 12:15 p.m. **Major Contributing Cause and Other Hot Topics**  
*Laurie Thrower Miles, Attorney, Lakeland*
- 12:15 – 1:30 p.m. **Lunch & Section Announcements**  
*Jeffrey I. Jacobs, Section Chair*
- 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. **Repetitive Trauma, Exposure and Occupational Disease**  
*Keith Pallo, Attorney, Palm Beach Gardens*
- 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. **Indemnity (Other than PTD) and Average Weekly Wage**  
*Mark Touby, Attorney, Coral Gables*  
*Joanne Prescott, Attorney, Orlando*
- 3:30 – 4:00 p.m. **Break**
- 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. **Employer's Liability/Immunity; Aguilera and Bad Faith**  
*William H. Rogner, Attorney, Orlando*
- 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. **RECEPTION** (Courtesy: Sponsoring Law Firms)

### THURSDAY, APRIL 12th - National Ballroom C

#### TRACK 2:

- 8:30 – 8:45 a.m. **Welcome by WCCP**  
*Stacy L. Hosman, CWC, Chair, WCCP*
- 8:45 – 9:45 a.m. **Addiction - Florida Legislative Update**  
*Mark Gerber, M.D., Orlando*
- 9:45 – 10:45 a.m. **Government Employees & Presumptions**  
*Thomas P. Vecchio, Attorney, Lakeland*  
*Kellie Biferie Hastings, Attorney, Maitland*
- 10:45 – 11:15 a.m. **Break**
- 11:15 – 12:15 p.m. **Examination of Medical Experts, Major Contributing Cause and Staffmark v. Merrell**  
*Christopher Petrucelli, Attorney, Tampa*  
*Glen Wieland, Attorney, Orlando*
- 12:15 – 1:30 p.m. **Sponsor Announcements**  
*Stacy L. Hosman, Chair, WCCP*
- 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. **PEO Issues and Answers**  
*Panel: Moderator, Dawn Traverso, Attorney, Aventura*  
*with representatives of Employment Leasing Companies*
- 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. **A View from the Bench**  
*Panel: Moderator, Richard S. Thompson, with Thomas G. Portuallo, Judge of Compensation Claims, Daytona Beach,*  
*Gerardo Castiello, Judge of Compensation Claims, Miami, and*  
*Marjorie Renee Hill, Judge of Compensation Claims, Gainesville*
- 3:30 – 4:00 p.m. **Break**
- 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. **Trial Practice and Use of Vocational Experts**  
*Panel: Moderator, Bill England, with Robert J. Grace, Jr.,*  
*Michael J. Winer, Gil Spruance, and David Patten*
- 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. **Reception** (Courtesy: Sponsoring Law Firms)

### FRIDAY, APRIL 13th - National Ballroom A

#### TRACK 1:

- 8:30 – 8:45 a.m. **Introductory Comments**
- 8:45 – 9:45 a.m. **Medical Benefits, Managed Care and Rehabilitation Benefits**  
*George Kagan, Attorney, Miami*
- 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. **Break**
- 11:15 – 12:15 p.m. **Controversies between Carriers and W/C Liens**  
*Thomas A. Moore, Attorney, Orlando*
- 12:15 – 1:30 p.m. **Lunch**
- 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. **Trial Practice and Procedure**  
*Honorable Henry H. Harnage, Miami*  
*Steven P. Kronenberg, Attorney, Ft. Lauderdale*
- 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. **Attorney's Fees & Costs**  
*Michael J. Winer, Attorney, Tampa*
- 3:30 – 3:45 p.m. **Break**
- 3:45 – 4:45 p.m. **Permanent Total Disability**  
*James H. Smith, Attorney, Tampa*
- 4:45 p.m. **Adjournment**

### FRIDAY, APRIL 13th - National Ballroom C

#### TRACK 2:

- 8:30 – 8:45 a.m. **Introductory Comments**
- 8:45 – 9:45 a.m. **Managing and Achieving the Complicated Workers' Compensation Settlement**  
*Jason Lazarus, Attorney, Orlando*
- 9:45 – 10:45 p.m. **Death and Dependency**  
*Theo Johns, Attorney, Jacksonville*
- 10:45 – 11:15 a.m. **Break**
- 11:15 – 12:15 p.m. **Employment Law Causes of Action that Flow from Workplace Injuries**  
*Allison H. Hauser, Attorney, Jacksonville*  
*Edward L. Birk, Attorney, Jacksonville*
- 12:15 – 1:30 p.m. **Lunch**
- 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. **Probate, Guardianship and Workers' Compensation**  
*Alex Cuello, Attorney, Miami*