



The
Workers' Compensation
Section of The Florida Bar



**The Florida Bar Continuing Legal Education Committee, the
Workers' Compensation Section, and the Association of Workers'
Compensation Claims Professionals (WCCP) present...**



2012 Florida Bar Workers' Compensation Forum

**April 12-13, 2012
Omni Orlando Resort at ChampionsGate
1500 Masters Blvd.
ChampionsGate, FL 33898
(800) 843-6664**

Registration Fee Includes:

*Two-day CLE Seminar • Two Continental Breakfasts • Two Lunches
Exhibitor Opportunities • Exclusive Law Firm Sponsored Receptions • Course Book & CD Rom*

April 12th - 13th | 2012
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The 2012 Florida Bar Annual Workers' Compensation Forum
~ an advanced certification review course for attorneys and workers' compensation professionals ~

Meet Us at ChampionsGate!

On April 12th and 13th, 2012 the **Workers' Compensation Section of the Florida Bar** will once again partner with Florida's **Association of Workers' Compensation Claims Professionals (WCCP)** as they return to the Omni Orlando Resort at ChampionsGate where they will present to you the **2012 Florida Bar Workers' Compensation Forum**. Once again, the Forum will feature two exceptional tracks of advanced legal programming, all centered around the Bar's traditional W/C Board Certification Review Course. New speakers and new topics will bring you the most up to date information on what you need to succeed in your practice. *Just check the 2012 Agenda in this brochure!*

A discounted rate has been arranged for attendees of this exclusive event. Reservations should be made early, as the cutoff date for this rate is Monday, March 12th, 2012.

Reduced Rates - \$153.00 per Night!
Call ChampionsGate at (800) 843-6664

Registration includes:

- Two day seminar, with Forum Course Book and CD Rom containing updates on major areas of interest covered by program, Chapter 440, and the 60Q Rules.
- Two days of continental breakfasts, breaks and lunches
- Welcome Reception on the 11th from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. for those who arrive early, and Thursday Evening's Conference Reception immediately following the day's events.

Transportation

Town Car Service: Associated Transportation of Florida:
(800) 392-7759 – www.atflorida.net

Shuttle Service: Mears Transportation Group:
(407) 423-5566 – www.mearstransportation.com

Advanced Programming

This year the Forum continues its expansion into advanced issues impacting workers' compensation litigation and other major topics of interest, including the power and the "solutions" for Addiction with Dr. Mark Gerber, Examination of Experts and MCC, PEO Issues & Answers, Probate & Guardianship, MSA's, Special Needs Trusts, Structured Settlements, and Employment Law Causes of Action, all of which complicate traditional work comp exposures, provide litigation opportunities, or complicate settlements.

Dress Code / Name Badges

Dress code is resort casual for all conference events. Name badges must be worn for all events.

Refund Policy

All refunds incur a \$30.00 processing fee. Deadline for refund requests is March 30th, 2012. No refunds given after this date as we must give guarantees to the hotel; however, registration fees are transferable if transferred to a colleague registering at the same price.

For Rest & Relaxation

Attendees may choose to enjoy up to 36 holes of Championship golf, relax in the European-style spa, dine in one of the resort's five restaurants, or enjoy up to 15 acres of pools and recreation, including the 850-foot lazy river.



Certification

CLE credit will be provided as usual and detailed accreditation information will be available as soon as possible. For up to date information on CLE, contact WCCP Association Headquarters or check the WCCP website at www.wccp.org after February 1st, 2012. (*Historically, the program provides 14-15 credit hours.)

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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



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Attorney/Bar Member/Mediator/Legal Assistant Registration Form

REGISTRATIONS:

MAIL registrations for the 2012 Florida Bar's W/C Forum to **The WCCP Association**, P.O. Box 46879, Tampa, FL 33647; **FAX REGISTRATIONS** FOR C/C PAYMENT TO: (813) 632-9377. For **ONLINE** registration and payment, go to <http://www.wccp.org> and click on the Forum link.

Register me for the "2012 Florida Bar Workers' Compensation Forum" (April 12-13, 2012)

FOR OVERNIGHT MAIL: Send to The WCCP Association, P.O. Box 46879, Tampa, FL 33647, or for Overnight Mail to 16011 N. Nebraska Ave., Ste 105, Lutz, FL 33549, with a check in the appropriate amount payable to The WCCP Association, or credit card information filled in below. If you have questions, call (800) 642-7774.

Please Register (Name) _____ License #'s _____

Company/Firm Name _____ Daytime Phone _____

Address _____ Email Address: _____

REGISTRATION FEE (CIRCLE ONE):

Florida Bar W/C Section Members: **\$395.00** • Non-section member: **\$470.00** • Legal Assistants: **\$159.00** • Mediators: **\$95.00** • *Other (see below): **\$N/C**

*Full time law college faculty, full time law students, or persons attending under the policy of fee waivers (e.g. *Supreme Court, DCA, Circuit and County Judges, Magistrates, Judges of Compensation Claims, Administrative Law Judges, and full-time legal aid attorneys if directly related to client practice*): \$-0- (i.e. No Charge)

Late Registrations (after March 30th, 2012) and On-Site Registrations: **Add \$40.00** Please register early!

METHOD OF PAYMENT (CHECK ONE): _____ Check enclosed made payable to The WCCP Association

_____ Credit Card (Master Card, Visa, AmEx, Discover. Please Fax to 813-632-9377)

Name on Card _____

Credit Card Number _____ Exp Date: _____ *Security Code _____

Billing Address (where you receive your billing statements) _____
Street or P.O. Box _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Signature: _____ *Email Address: _____

(**Note: For credit card charges, an email address is mandatory. You will receive an email receipt immediately upon processing**)

_____ Please check here if you have a disability that may require special attention or services. To ensure availability of appropriate accommodations, attach a general description of your needs. We will contact you for further coordination.

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