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Workers' Compensation Legal Specialization Boot Camp 2015

JULY 18-19, 2015

Concord Hilton

1970 Diamond Blvd.
Concord, CA 94520

JULY 25-26, 2015

Marina del Rey Marriott

4100 Admiralty Way
Marina del Rey, CA 90292

Register Online: workerscomp.calbar.ca.gov

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Workers' Compensation Legal Specialization Boot Camp is a comprehensive review of workers' compensation law designed to prepare practitioners for the 2015 workers' compensation legal specialization examination. The program is tailored to help future specialists spot and analyze workers' compensation issues and other essential skills needed for successfully passing the certification exam. There will be special emphasis on recent reform law under SB863 and newly enacted companion regulations.

Boot Camp is also a must have program for those who are just starting out in workers' compensation. In two days all essential workers' compensation subjects will be covered, including checklists and citations to key case law and relevant code sections and regulations.

The schedule follows: (*NOTE* there will be a break within each two-hour session)

SATURDAY

8:30 - 9:00 a.m. — Registration and Check-In (Continental Breakfast)

9:00 - 11:05 a.m. (Includes intra-session break)

Claims Evaluations

Forget the push-ups. Boot Camp starts your workout with a basic overview of the workers compensation system including an overview of injuries and benefits. The panel will then go in-depth covering defenses to the compensability of a claim, including Labor Code § 3600 defenses, injury AOE/COE, and statute of limitations issues. Next, the panel will cover the quirks of psychological claims and end with a review of special remedies including serious and willful misconduct and Labor Code § 132a retaliation claims.

**Speakers: Judge Cassandra V. Stajduhar, Pomona WCAB
Richard Montarbo, Law Offices of Richard L. Montarbo**

MCLE: 2 Hours General

11:15 a.m - 12:15 p.m.

Practice and Procedure Part I

Now that you're warmed up, this session will take you through the procedure of a workers' compensation claim starting with the legal duties of the employer upon receipt of a claim. The panel will discuss jurisdiction and venue of workers' compensation cases. They will cover the structure of a case from filing, to discovery, hearing, trial, and post-trial appeal. Then, they will review some ancillary issues with the workers' compensation case, including liens, interpreter services, and insurance coverage issues. Finally, they will examine issues to consider when settling a workers' compensation case, such as Medicare, Social Security, and third-party injury claims.

**Speakers: Eric Ostling, Floyd Skeren & Kelly LLP, (both locations)
Bernadette O'Brien, Floyd Skeren & Kelly LLP (Marina del Rey)
Presiding Judge Robert Kutz, Ret., Eureka WCAB, (Concord)**

MCLE: 1 Hour General

12:15 - 1:00 p.m.

Lunch Provided

1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Practice and Procedure Part II

MCLE: 1 Hour General

2:10 - 4:15 p.m.(Includes intra-session break)

Medical Knowledge and Issues

Now that you have a solid foundation in the substance and procedure for the claim, we will build upon that foundation an understanding of medical treatment issues in workers' compensation. We will start by covering the anatomy of a workers' compensation claim... literally. The panel will review some of the frequently encountered body systems and diseases in workers' compensation. Next, the panelists will tackle medical treatment issues in workers' compensation. They will explain how medical treatment is authorized; how it is denied; and how to appeal the denial. Finally, they will cover the medical legal evaluation process along with the proper procedure for obtaining an independent evaluation through a qualified medical evaluator.

**Speakers: Judge Craig Glass, Oxnard WCAB
Eric Ledger, WCAB Industrial Relations Counsel**

MCLE: 2 Hours General

SUNDAY

8:30 - 9:00 a.m. — Continental Breakfast

9:00 - 11:05 a.m. (Includes intra-session break)

Disability Evaluation

Boot Camp continues the second day by scrutinizing the disability evaluation process. We start with an overview of the American Medical Association (AMA) Guides 5th Edition and the theory behind application of the Guides. Next the panel will discuss the basics of rating whole person impairments. Most important, the panel will identify key factors for developing the record to ensure medical reports constitute substantial medical evidence on all relevant issues. Also included are sessions on temporary disability, permanent disability, life pensions, and apportionment of disability. Lastly they will go over the technical and legal issues involved in rating and rebuttal of the permanent disability percentage.

**Speakers: Jay Shergill, Coleman Chavez & Associates LLP, (both locations)
Dr. Steven Feinberg, Feinberg Medical Group (both locations)
William Armstrong, Armstrong Law Firm, (Concord)
Alan Gurvey, Law Firm of Rowen, Gurvey & Win, (Marina del Rey)**

MCLE: 2 Hours General

11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Professional Responsibility

At this point you will have a solid foundation for the substance of a claim and the procedure to follow as well as an in depth understanding of medical and disability issues. However, every good exam question (including the legal specialization exam) must include an element of professional responsibility. This panel will cover a multitude of professional responsibility hypotheticals unique to workers' compensation. Topics include sanctions, penalties, attorney fees, contempt proceedings, fee agreements, and prohibited conduct. The program will include demonstration scenarios and discussion following the scenarios.

Speaker: Presiding Judge Joel Harter, Sacramento WCAB

MCLE: 1 Hour Legal Ethics

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

ONLINE REGISTRATION:

workerscomp.calbar.ca.gov

ON-SITE REGISTRATION:

On-site registration will be on a space available basis. Call to confirm space availability.

CANCELLATIONS/REFUND POLICY:

Cancellations and requests for refunds must be received in writing no later than 5 working days before the program and are subject to a \$25 service charge. Refunds will not be available after 5 working days before the program.

QUESTIONS:

For registration information call (415) 538-2508. Telephone registrations will not be accepted. For program content and/or Section information call (415) 538-2256.

SPECIAL ASSISTANCE:

For special assistance, please call (415) 538-2256.

HOTEL INFORMATION

A block of rooms has been reserved at the hotels. Please be sure to mention The State Bar Workers' Compensation Section.

Concord Hilton

Rate: \$109 single or double
(925) 827-2000

Marriott Marina del Rey

Rate: \$239 single or double
(310) 301-3000

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REGISTRATION FORM

Choose Location:

Concord

Marina del Rey

Note: One registrant per form. Photocopies may be used.

Bar Number: _____

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Firm: _____

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Email Address: _____

(Required for email confirmation)

Program package includes 9 hours of MCLE and Legal Specialization credits, program materials, continental breakfast and lunch.

Check here if you do not want your information released

PRE-REGISTRATION FEES (check the appropriate circle)

\$375 Workers' Compensation Section Members

\$470 Non-Workers' Compensation Section Members
(includes enrollment in the Workers' Compensation Section for 2015)

AMOUNT ENCLOSED OR TO BE CHARGED \$ _____

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Deadline: In order to pre-register, your form and check, payable to The State Bar of California, or credit card information, must be received 5 days prior to program.

Register Online: workerscomp.calbar.ca.gov

Mail To: Program Registrations, The State Bar of California,
180 Howard Street, San Francisco, CA 94105.

Fax To: Program Registration at 415-538-2368. In order to fax your registration, credit card information is MANDATORY.
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