



14TH ANNUAL

WORKERS' COMPENSATION & SAFETY CONFERENCE

October 19, 2021 | Hilton Lisle | 8:30 am to 3:00 pm

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Doubletree Hilton Lisle | 3003 Corporate Road West, Lisle, IL 60532

- 7:30 a.m.–8:30 a.m. **Registration and Breakfast Networking – Expo is open**
- 8:30 a.m.–8:55 a.m. **Opening Remarks**
- **Jay Shattuck**, Executive Director Employment Law Council, Illinois Chamber of Commerce
 - **Michael Brennan**, Chairman, Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission
- 8:55 a.m.–9:45 a.m. **General Session – Impact of the Pandemic on Workers' Mental Health in the Workplace and on IL Workers' Compensation – Shuaib Ahmed and Rory McCann**, ASA Law Group
As employers continue to welcome back employees to their workplace, questions remain as to the impact of the pandemic on workers' mental health in the workplace and Workers' Comp in Illinois.
- 9:45 a.m.–10:10 a.m. **Morning Break & Visit Exhibitors**
- 10:10 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. **The Illinois Rebuttable Presumption and COVID-19 Claims**
Shawn Biery and John Campbell, Keefe Campbell Biery & Associates
John Campbell & Shawn Biery will discuss the impact of the Illinois Rebuttable Presumption and COVID 19 Claims on your litigation handling, detailing the history of the presumption, the impact seen at the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission, and how some employers attacked their Covid claims for success as well as an overview of some frequent questions regarding the Presumption and your claims which may be affected.
- 11:10 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **Roundtable Discussion with Q&A -**
One Thing the Illinois Chamber of Commerce should do to improve Workers' Compensation.
Moderator: Jay Shattuck, Exec Dir Employment Law Council, Illinois Chamber of Commerce
- **Panelist: Shuaib Ahmed**, ASA Law Group
 - **Panelist: Jynifer Cotharn**, Inman & Fitzgibbons, Ltd.
 - **Panelist: Michael Brennan** – Chairman, Illinois Workers Comp Commission
 - **Panelists: Shawn Biery and John Campbell** – Keefe Campbell Biery & Associates

12:00 p.m. – 12:20 p.m.

Visit Exhibitors & Networking Break

12:20 p.m.–1:00 p.m.

Luncheon and Update from the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission
Michael Brennan, Chairman, Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission

Drawings for Prizes and Meet the Companies

1:00 pm – 1:50 pm

First Series of Workshops

Workshop #1: Jynnifer Cotharn and Kevin Deuschle, Inman & Fitzgibbons, Ltd.

Advanced Work Comp Challenges: Aging, Obesity and Co-morbidities

Please join us for a discussion on how aging, obesity and other co-morbidities impact the handling of workers' compensation claims. We will identify cost variables on the front end of claim handling. We will also discuss claims professional training strategies, post employee hire screening tips, employee health education and general claims management techniques to facilitate more efficient handling at every phase. See you there!

Workshop #2: Lisa Azoory-Keller and Adam Cox, Nyhan Bambrick Kinzie and Lowry
Defining "Risk" in Illinois, and the interpretation of post-McAllister decisions at the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission.

Overview of Commission-level cases post-McAllister, and how McAllister has changed the landscape of accident compensability in Illinois

Workshop #3: Ada Dolph, Seyfarth Shaw

Biometric Information Privacy Act...What Illinois Employers Should Know About BIPA

Get the updates to the Illinois Biometric Privacy Act (BIPA) including considerations for getting into compliance with BIPA, key recent court opinions interpreting BIPA, and defenses employers are relying upon to try to defeat the claims, including the arguments that the claims are preempted by the Illinois Workers' Compensation Act, the NLRA, and the Labor Management Relations Act among other defenses.

2:00 p.m.–2:50 p.m.

Second Series of Workshops

Workshop #4: Steve McManus and Andrew Sheehan, MVP Law

Medical Causation in IL Work Comp: How do you win when the deck is stacked against you?

This topic will discuss the most recent cases in IL workers' compensation dealing with medical causation issues in traumatic and repetitive trauma claims. The presenters will provide strategies on presenting winning medical causation defenses.

Workshop #5: Peter Stavropoulos, Brady Connolly & Masuda

Parking Lot Injuries: Has COVID Increased Exposure?

BCM Partner Peter Stavropoulos will get back to basics explaining how to assess your parking lot cases, as well as address issues surrounding the proliferation of curbside pickups & remote work.

Workshop #6: Jeff Risch, SmithAmundsen LLC

The Interplay Between Work Comp & OSHA – What HR Must Know!

In this presentation, led by Labor & Employment Attorney Jeffrey Risch, attendees will receive the latest in employer OSHA obligations related to work related injuries and claims. From reporting and recording requirements, to drug testing rights and disciplinary options when an employee is involved with a work-related injury due to an unsafe act or rule violation, attendees will hear the very latest on what employers must do, can do, shouldn't do and can't do when it comes to OSHA and work related injuries.

3:00 pm

Adjourn