



CWCI Case Law Seminar – 2016 Update

Background: Many of the workers' compensation legislative reforms and regulations adopted by the state in recent years have raised issues, questions, and disputes that the courts have been asked to resolve. As a result, the California workers' compensation system continues to be reshaped and redefined by case law, which has become a critical element in defining how the California workers' compensation system operates.

The growing volume of case law and the increased complexity of the issues has made it difficult for workers' compensation professionals to keep up with all the changes and devise appropriate strategies, defenses and responses. Recognizing that difficulty, in 1999, CWCI began an annual series of case law seminars for claims personnel, attorneys, hearing reps, and others who are responsible for administering and defending claims. The 2016 program is the 18th installment in the CWCI case law seminar series.

This one-day seminar, presented by a veteran panel of workers' compensation claims/legal experts, will review recent changes and practical implications of workers' compensation case law. As in the prior programs, the panelists will use an interactive, debate-style format to present alternate viewpoints on case law that will help those handling work injury cases develop appropriate responses and policies.

Objective: The seminar will provide an update on recent trends in decisional law and examine the practical impact that recent rulings and judicial interpretations of various courts have on benefit delivery and claim adjudication. The goal is to give participants a better understanding of how they can use case law to effectively manage, negotiate and defend claims. Topics include:

- **Medical Care**
- **Medical Treatment Dispute Resolution**
 - **Utilization Review**
 - **Independent Medical Review**
- **Permanent Disability & Apportionment**
- **What's New... A Look At Recent Case Law**
- **Ask the Experts: Q & A Session**

Seminar Format: The Institute will conduct the seminar at two locations: Monday, May 23 at the Grand Long Beach Event Center and Wednesday, May 25 at the Parc 55 San Francisco. The program, including speaker presentations and a Q&A panel will run from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., with a 1-hour lunch at noon, and mid-morning and mid-afternoon beverage breaks.

Participants will receive a course syllabus with an outline of the presentations and brief summaries of significant decisions with full citations.

Participants: This seminar is appropriate for attorneys, claims administrators, hearing reps and others with negotiating authority.

Continuing Education Units: CWCI will be submitting an application to the State Bar of California to obtain MCLE credits for this program. The Institute also will provide certificates of attendance upon completion of the program for submission to the Association of Hearing Representatives of California and for the verification of hours for those in need of credit for the new California Department of Insurance workers' compensation claims adjuster certification requirements.

Cost: Tuition for the case law seminar covers the full-day program, the course syllabus, Continental breakfast, lunch, and a beverage break. The standard tuition is \$375, with a \$100 discount available for regular employees of CWCI members (see page 4.)

Space is limited, and registrations will be accepted in the order received and can only be accepted if space is available, so register early. For quick & easy online registration, go to the Seminar area of our website, www.cwci.org/conferences.html, or fax or mail the attached registration form with payment information. Additional flyers and registration forms can be downloaded from the our website. All credit card charges will be processed via Authorize.net. For more information, call Mel Long at (510) 251-9470.



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General Information: The CWCI 2016 California Workers' Comp Case Law seminar will be given on the following dates at these locations:

Monday, May 23, 2016

The Grand Long Beach Event Center

4101 East Willow St., Long Beach
(562) 426-0555

Just off Lakewood Blvd., 1 block south of I-405

- Take the 405 to Long Beach and exit south on Lakewood Blvd
- Turn right on Willow St., then right on Grand Ave. The Grand Event Center is on the right. Parking in the Event Center Garage is free. Note: **Do Not Park at the Jewish Community Center.**

Wednesday, May 25, 2016

Parc 55 San Francisco

55 Cyril Magnin St., San Francisco
(415) 392-8000

Located Across from Powell St. BART

- **BART to the Powell St. Station.** Take the northwest exit from the station. The Hotel is across the street on the corner of Eddy and Cyril Magnin.
- **From the Peninsula:** Take 101 north and merge onto I-80 toward the Bay Bridge. Take 7th St. exit and merge right to Bryant St. Turn left on 5th St. cross Market St. and 5th St. becomes Cyril Magnin. The Hotel parking entrance is on the left. Note: hotel parking is \$58 a day and validation is **NOT** included.
- **From the East Bay:** Cross the Bay Bridge and take the 5th St. exit. Turn right on 5th St., cross Market and 5th St. becomes Cyril Magnin. The Hotel parking is on the left. Note: hotel parking is \$58 a day and validation is **NOT** included.

Attire: Business casual. **For your comfort, please dress in layers as the speakers prefer to keep the room cool.** Slacks with a sweater and coat or jacket are highly recommended.

Registration: Pre-registration and prepayment are required. Enroll online by clicking "Seminars" at www.cwci.org. Registrations will be accepted in the order in which **forms with payment** are received, so register early. Registration is subject to space availability and registrations for which payment is received after May 16 and walk-ins may be wait-listed and admitted after 9 a.m. if space is available. Check-in and continuing ed sign-ups begin at 8 a.m. The seminar will begin at 9 a.m. and adjourn by 4 p.m. Continental breakfast, lunch, and beverage breaks are included.

Tax Deductibility of Expenses: See Treasury Reg. 1.162.5 Coughlin v. Comm., 203 F.2d.307.

Cancellations/Substitutions: The tuition, less a \$55 cancellation fee may be refunded only if notice is submitted in writing, postmarked or faxed 10 calendar days prior to the program. However, another attendee may be substituted at any time, and the syllabus will be mailed to registrants who are unable to attend and fail to meet the cancellation deadline.

Faculty: The faculty for the case law seminar includes outside counsel from the insurance industry (with experience from both the applicant and defense side) and CWCI's General Counsel.

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ABOUT CWCI

Founded in 1964, the California Workers' Compensation Institute is a private, nonprofit organization working to improve the California workers' compensation system through research, education, information, and representation. Institute members include workers' compensation insurers, as well as public and private self-insured employers.



REGISTRATION FORM

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Note: The fastest and easiest way to register for CWCI seminars is to enroll online. Simply click the "Seminar" button at www.cwci.org for seminar information or to sign up using the online registration system. Alternatively, you may return this form, along with payment, by mail or fax as noted below.

"California Workers' Compensation Case Law: 2016 Update" Check date/location:

Grand Long Beach Event Center, Monday, May 23 Parc 55 San Francisco, Wednesday, May 25

Please Type or Print Clearly. For additional registrants, please photocopy this form or attach a separate list.

Table with 2 columns: Name of Attendee, Email Address (required). Rows 1), 2), 3)

Contact Person: Email:

Company:

Address:

City/State/ZIP:

Telephone: Fax:

Please call Mel Long at CWCI - (510) 251-9470 - if you have special dietary needs.

NOTE: CWCI members are insurers licensed to write workers' compensation in California or self-insured employers who pay dues and assessments to CWCI. Only regular employees of member companies qualify for the member company rate. If you qualify, note your company code (listed on page 4) in the space below. All other registrants must pay standard tuition. Non-members who submit member tuition will not be registered unless the full \$375 tuition is received prior to the seminar. ALL REGISTRATIONS MUST BE PREPAID. To meet the deadline, registrations with credit card information may be submitted online from the seminar page at www.cwci.org; faxed to (510) 763-1592; or mailed to CWCI, 1333 Broadway, #510, Oakland, CA 94612.

Standard Tuition (non-member rate) \$375 x = \$

CWCI Member Regular Employee Rate CWCI Co. ID # (see Page 4) \$275 x = \$

Method of Payment (check one): Visa MasterCard American Express Check/Money Order

Cardholder's Name: (Exact name as it appears on the credit card)

Account #: Expiration Date:

Credit Card Billing Address: (Must be the address registered to the card)

City, State, ZIP:

Signature of Cardholder:



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CWCI Member Insurers		CWCI Associate Members (Self-Insured)	
Code	Company	Code	Company
21	AIG	22	Adventist Health
23	Alaska National Insurance Company	24	California State University RMA
25	Allianz/Fireman's Fund Insurance Company	26	Chevron Corporation
27	AmTrust North America	28	City and County of San Francisco
29	Chubb	30	City of Santa Ana
31	CNA	32	City of Torrance
33	CompWest Insurance Company	34	Contra Costa County Schools Ins. Group
35	Crum & Forster	36	Costco Wholesale
37	EMPLOYERS	38	County of Alameda
39	Everest National Insurance Company	40	County of San Bernardino Risk Management
41	The Hartford	42	County of Santa Clara
43	ICW Group	44	Dignity Health
45	Liberty Mutual Insurance	46	Foster Farms
47	Pacific Compensation Insurance Company	48	Grimmway Enterprises, Inc.
49	Preferred Employers Group	50	Kaiser Permanente
51	Republic Indemnity Company of America	52	Marriott International, Inc.
53	Sentry Insurance	54	Pacific Gas & Electric Company
55	State Compensation Insurance Fund	56	Safeway, Inc.
57	State Farm Insurance Companies	58	Schools Insurance Authority
59	Travelers	60	Sempra Energy
61	XL America	62	Shasta County Risk Management
63	Zenith Insurance Company	64	Shasta-Trinity Schools Insurance Group
65	Zurich North America	66	Southern California Edison
		68	Special District Risk Management Authority
		70	Sutter Health
		72	University of California
		74	The Walt Disney Company

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