



CWCI Case Law Seminar XXI – 2019 Update

Background: The California workers' compensation system is being constantly reshaped and redefined by case law, which has become a critical element in defining how the system operates. 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. The growing volume of published appellate case law and even board panel decisions, combined with the increased complexity of the issues, have made it difficult for workers' compensation professionals to keep up with all the changes and devise appropriate strategies, defenses, and responses. The 2019 program represents the 21st installment in the CWCI case law seminar series, and is designed for attorneys, claims personnel, hearing reps, and others who are responsible for administering and defending for workers' compensation claims.

This full-day seminar, presented by a panel of workers' compensation experts from both Northern and Southern California, will provide an update on recent trends in decisional law, and examine the practical impact that new case law will have on benefit delivery and claim adjudication. **NEW THIS YEAR:** We are happy to welcome back defense attorneys Saul Allweiss and Jake Jacobsmeyer to our educational panel; meanwhile, Elizabeth Hudson (who debuted last year) is now acting as counsel on behalf of injured workers and will provide real-world practical insight from an applicant's attorney perspective. This unique combination of panelists will ensure that you gain not only a better understanding of how to use case law to effectively manage, negotiate, and defend claims -- but also what to expect from opposing counsel in litigated cases.

The panelists will present alternate viewpoints on case law that will help those handling work injury cases develop suitable responses and policies. This seminar is appropriate for attorneys, claims administrators, hearing reps, and others with negotiating authority. The session will include a full audio-visual presentation, allowing you to learn important case details, factual backgrounds, and other highlights for every case on the agenda. Your course materials will also include hyperlinks to the actual decisions.

Seminar Format: The seminar program (including speaker presentations and Q&A opportunity) will run from 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m., with a Continental breakfast, a full lunch, and mid-morning and mid-afternoon refreshment / email breaks. **NEW THIS YEAR:** We have increased our space to provide you with more comfort during the session.

Materials: All registered attendees will be provided access to the complete electronic version of the course materials one week prior to each session, which you may print out or download to your laptop. Power for laptops will be provided. You will need to include your email address when you register, so that you can receive the link to the course materials as soon as it is available.

Remember to choose: Attendees have the option of ordering a pre-printed copy of the course materials at a nominal charge. Attendees registered after May 1 are not guaranteed a printed syllabus.

Faculty: Our renowned faculty includes experienced litigators from both the applicant and defense sides:

Saul Allweiss, Esq.

Law Offices of Allweiss & McMurtry, Tarzana

Elizabeth Hudson, Esq.

Law Offices of Scot Shoemaker,
San Francisco / Vallejo

Richard Jacobsmeyer, Esq.

Shaw, Jacobsmeyer, Crain & Claffey,
Oakland / Walnut Creek

Ellen Sims Langille, Esq.

CWCI General Counsel, Oakland

Continuing Education Units: CWCI is pleased to offer continuing education credits in multiple professions. CWCI has obtained certification to offer 5.0 hours of Advanced Legal Specialization MCLE credits from the State Bar of California for this program. Also, the Institute 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 California Department of Insurance workers' compensation claims adjuster certification requirements.



Dates/Times, Locations, Directions, and Parking Information

For both locations: Continental breakfast, seminar check-in, and continuing education sign-ups begin at 8 a.m. The seminar will begin at 9 a.m. and adjourn by 3:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 7, 2019

The Grand Long Beach Event Center

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

Power strips and free wi-fi available at this location

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.

Thursday, May 9, 2019

Hotel Nikko

222 Mason St., San Francisco
(415) 394-1111

Power strips available at this location

Located on Mason between Ellis & O'Farrell

- Take San Francisco-bound BART to Powell, and walk 1 block north on Cyril Magnin St. to Ellis St.
- From the Bay Bridge, exit at Fremont St., left on Howard. Turn right on 5th St. and cross Market St. where it turns into Cyril Magnin. Turn left on Ellis to Taylor, turn right at O'Farrell to Mason. Downtown Center Garage (O'Farrell & Mason), \$35. Hotel is across the street.
- From 101 take I-80 toward the Bay Bridge, take 7th St. exit and stay in the far right lane to Bryant. Turn right on Bryant then left at 5th St. and cross Market St. where it becomes Cyril Magnin St. Turn left on Ellis to Taylor, turn right at O'Farrell to Mason. Downtown Center Garage (O'Farrell & Mason), \$35. Hotel is across the street.

Case Law Seminar Registration Details

Cost: Tuition for the case law seminar covers the full-day program, the electronic syllabus, a Continental breakfast, a full lunch, and refreshments. A pre-printed syllabus is available for an additional charge. Tuition is \$399, and regular employees of CWCI members receive a \$100 discount (member codes listed on page 4). All credit card charges will be processed via Authorize.net. For more information, call Fran Perry at (510) 251-9470.

Registration: Pre-registration and prepayment are required. For quick & easy online registration, click www.cwci.org/conferences.html. You can also fax or mail the attached registration form with payment information. Space is limited, and registrations will be accepted in the order received. Registrations for which payment is received after May 1 and walk-ins may be wait-listed and admitted after 9 a.m. if space is available.

Seminar Materials: All registered attendees will be provided with a link to the complete electronic version of the course materials one week prior to each session. If you choose to also pre-order a printed syllabus, it may be picked up at the registration desk.

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. The link for seminar materials will be sent to registrants who are unable to attend and fail to meet the cancellation deadline.



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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	Albertsons' Companies
25	Allianz Global Corporate & Specialty	26	BETA Healthcare Group
27	AmTrust North America	28	California Joint Powers Insurance Authority
29	Applied Underwriters	30	CA State University Risk Mgmt Authority
31	Berkshire Hathaway Homestate Companies	32	Chevron Corporation
33	CHUBB	34	City and County of San Francisco
35	CNA	36	City of Los Angeles
37	CompWest Insurance Company	38	City of Pasadena
39	Crum & Forster	40	City of Torrance
41	EMPLOYERS	42	Contra Costa County Risk Management
43	Everest National Insurance Company	44	Contra Costa County Schools Ins. Group
45	GUARD Insurance Companies	46	Costco Wholesale
47	The Hartford	48	County of Alameda
49	ICW Group	50	County of Los Angeles
51	Liberty Mutual Insurance	52	County of San Bernardino Risk Management
53	Pacific Compensation Insurance Company	54	County of Santa Clara Risk Management
55	Preferred Employers Insurance	56	Dignity Health
57	Republic Indemnity Company of America	58	Foster Farms
59	Sentry Insurance	60	Grimmway Farms
61	State Compensation Insurance Fund	62	Kaiser Permanente
63	Travelers	64	Marriott International, Inc.
65	XL America	66	Pacific Gas & Electric Company
67	Zenith Insurance Company	68	Schools Insurance Authority
69	Zurich North America	70	Sempra Energy
		72	Shasta County Risk Management
		74	Shasta-Trinity Schools Insurance Group
		76	Southern California Edison
		78	Special District Risk Management Authority
		80	Sutter Health
		82	University of California
		84	The Walt Disney Company

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