



CWCI Case Law Seminar XXVII – 2025 Update

Background: The California workers' compensation system is being constantly reshaped and redefined by case law. The growing volume of appellate case law and WCAB panel decisions, combined with 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. The 2025 program represents the 27th 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 workers' compensation claims.

Important Note: This full-day seminar will be presented via live online video broadcast.

The program will feature a panel of workers' compensation experts from both Northern and Southern California providing an update on recent trends in decisional law and examining the practical impact that new case law will have on benefit delivery and claim adjudication. We are delighted to welcome back seasoned defense attorneys Richard "Jake" Jacobsmeyer, Randy Pollak, and James W. Jones, to the panel, as well as applicants' attorney Lisa Ivancich, who will provide practical insight from an applicant's attorney perspective. Our 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.

CWCI strives to present the most comprehensive review of recent case law available. The panelists will provide alternate viewpoints on case law that will help those handling work injury cases develop appropriate responses and policies. 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: Our full-day seminar for 2025 will be held via live online video broadcast. The seminar program (including speaker presentations and Q&A opportunity) will be presented on Tuesday,

September 9th from 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Pacific Time, with a 45-minute break at noon, plus shorter mid-morning, and mid-afternoon breaks.

Materials: One week prior to the seminar, all registrants will be provided with access to the complete electronic version of the course materials which may be printed out or downloaded to a computer. 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 they are available.

Faculty: CWCI's Sr. VP of Claims and General Counsel Sara Widener-Brightwell will moderate the seminar. Our renowned faculty includes experienced litigators from both the applicant and defense side:

Lisa Ivancich, Esq.
Ivancich & Costis

Richard Jacobsmeyer, Esq.
Michael Sullivan & Associates

James W. Jones, Esq.
Finnegan, Marks, Desmond & Jones

Randy Pollak, Esq.
WCF Insurance

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. Registered attendees who complete the program may also request certificates of attendance that may be submitted to the Association of Hearing Representatives of California or used to verify 5.0 hours of credit toward the California Dept. of Insurance workers' compensation claims adjuster certification requirements. ***PARTICIPANTS MUST PROVIDE STATE BAR NUMBER (IF APPLICABLE) AND BE FULLY REGISTERED AT LEAST TWO DAYS PRIOR TO THE SESSION IN ORDER TO RECEIVE MCLE / CE CREDITS.**



Registration Details

Cost: Tuition for the live broadcast of the case law seminar covers the full-day program and an electronic syllabus. Tuition is \$399, and regular employees of CWCI member companies receive a \$100 discount (member codes are listed on Page 4). Credit card charges will be processed via Authorize.net. For more information call Mel Long 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 mail the attached registration form with your payment information. Registrations will be accepted in the order received.

IMPORTANT: IN ORDER TO RECEIVE MCLE / CE CREDITS, ATTENDEES MUST BE FULLY REGISTERED AT LEAST TWO DAYS PRIOR TO THE SESSION AND PROVIDE THEIR STATE BAR NUMBER (IF APPLICABLE) ON PAGE 3. PARTICIPATION WILL BE TRACKED ELECTRONICALLY FOR COMPLIANCE.

Each fully registered attendee will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the live online video broadcast.

Seminar Materials: All registered attendees will be provided with a link to the complete electronic version of the course materials one week prior to the live broadcast of the seminar.

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 (emailed or postmarked) 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.



REGISTRATION FORM

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The fastest and easiest way to register for CWCI seminars is to enroll online. Simply click [here](#) for seminar information or to sign up using the online registration system. Alternatively, you may return this form, along with payment by mail as noted below.

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Please Type or Print Clearly. You must include your email address in order to receive a link to the course materials. For additional registrants, please photocopy this form or attach a separate list.

Name of Attendee

Email Address (required)

ATTORNEYS SEEKING MCLE CREDIT MUST PROVIDE STATE BAR NUMBER: _____

Only persons who are fully registered for the seminar are eligible for MCLE / CE credits.

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 number (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 tuition is received prior to the seminar. **ALL REGISTRATIONS MUST BE PREPAID.**

Registrations with credit card information may be submitted online from the Seminar page at www.cwci.org; or mailed to CWCI, 1999 Harrison Street, Suite 2100, Oakland, CA 94612.

Standard Tuition (non-member rate) \$399 x _____ = \$ _____

CWCI Member Regular Employee Rate Company ID # (see Page 4) _____ \$299 x _____ = \$ _____

Full Electronic Syllabus (included) \$0.00 x _____ = \$ no charge

TOTAL = \$ _____

Method of Payment (check one): ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ American Express ☐ Check

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27	Berkshire Hathaway Homestate Companies	28	California Fair Services Authority
29	CHUBB	30	California Joint Powers Insurance Authority
31	CNA Insurance	32	California State University Risk Management Authority
33	CopperPoint Insurance Companies	34	Chevron Corporation
35	Crum & Forster	36	City and County of San Francisco
37	EMPLOYERS	38	City of Los Angeles
39	Everest Insurance	40	City of Pasadena
41	GUARD Insurance Companies	42	Costco Wholesale
43	The Hanover Insurance Group	44	County of Los Angeles
45	The Hartford Insurance Company	46	County of Santa Clara Risk Management
47	ICW Group Insurance Companies	48	Dignity Health
49	Liberty Mutual Insurance	50	Disneyland Resort
51	North American Casualty Company	52	East Bay Municipal Utility District
53	Pie Insurance	54	Grimmway Farms
55	Preferred Employers Insurance	56	Kaiser Permanente
57	Republic Indemnity	58	Loma Linda University Health Risk Management
59	Sentry Insurance	60	North Bay Schools Insurance Authority
61	State Compensation Insurance Fund	62	Pacific Gas & Electric Company
63	Travelers	64	San Diego Gas & Electric Company
65	WCF Insurance	66	Schools Insurance Authority
67	Zenith Insurance Company	68	Shasta County Risk Management
69	Zürich North America	70	Shasta-Trinity Schools Insurance Group
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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.