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The Basics of Workers' Compensation

2021 Workers' Compensation Fall Program

Friday, November 5, 2021
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Program Summary

Join us as we dive into the basics of practicing workers' compensation from the perspectives of both representing plaintiffs and representing defendants. This introductory CLE features established workers' compensation attorneys providing tips and tricks for appearing before the North Carolina Industrial Commission and the North Carolina Court of Appeals. Attendees review the cases every workers' compensation practitioner should know and discuss challenges on both sides of a claim, examine the different types of dockets, and receive practical advice for navigating the mediation process.

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AGENDA

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2021 | 8:55 AM–4:10 PM

8:55 **Welcome and Introductions**

9:00 **Cases Every Workers' Compensation Attorney Should Know** | Ballance
Review the top 10 cases you need to know as a practicing workers' compensation attorney.

10:00 **Break**

10:10 **Challenges Faced on Both Sides of a Claim** | McCoy and Sumwalt
Listen as attorneys from opposing sides discuss how to manage difficult clients and strategically navigate through some tricky issues.

11:10 **Break**

11:20 **Appearing Before the NC Industrial Commission** | Moore and Peaslee
Hear practical tips for writing opinions and awards, and for appearing before the North Carolina Industrial Commission.

12:20 **Lunch Break**

12:50 **Non-insured and Fines** | Linthicum
Delve into the different dockets — penalty dockets, non-insured dockets and contempt dockets — and their role in workers' compensation claims. Discuss the calculation of the alternate penalty, explore the agricultural exemption, and find out how to determine if the new or former N.C.G.S. § 97-94(b) applies to your case.

1:50 **Break**

2:00 **Appearing Before the NC Court of Appeals** | Craddock and Jones
Gain insight into appearing and arguing before the North Carolina Court of Appeals.

3:00 **Break**

3:10 **Mediation for Workers' Compensation Attorneys**[‡] | J. Clare and T. Clare
Learn about the nuts and bolts of a workers' compensation mediation, including an overview of the North Carolina Industrial Commission mediation rules, the Standards of Professional Conduct and advisory opinions that act as guides for mediators.

4:10 **Adjourn**

[‡] Indicates portion providing NC Dispute Resolution Commission CME credit

PROGRAM DETAILS

Speakers

- **Michael W. Ballance**, Dickie McCamey & Chilcote PC, Raleigh
- **Jacqueline R. “Jackie” Clare**, Jacqueline R. Clare Attorney at Law, Raleigh
- **Thomas M. Clare**, Thomas M. Clare Attorney at Law, Raleigh
- **Angela F. Craddock**, Young Moore and Henderson PA, Raleigh
- **M. Duane Jones**, Hedrick Gardner Kincheloe & Garofalo LLP, Charlotte
- **Mary Grace Roberson Linthicum**, North Carolina Department of Justice, Raleigh
- **Paul C. McCoy**, Lewis & Roberts PLLC, Raleigh
- **Ashley M. Moore**, North Carolina Industrial Commission, Raleigh
- **William W. “Bill” Peaslee**, North Carolina Industrial Commission, Raleigh
- **Vernon Sumwalt**, The Sumwalt Group Workers’ Comp and Trial Lawyers, Charlotte

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- **Rita Beard Dorry**, Lewis & Roberts PLLC, Raleigh
- **J. Jack Hardison**, Hardison & Cochran, Raleigh

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