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# 2019 Spring Education Conference

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**Westin Bonaventure**  
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404 S. Figueroa Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90071

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**Walnut Creek Marriott**  
2355 N. Main Street  
Walnut Creek, CA 94596

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# SPRING EDUCATION

## Life Post Fitzpatrick, Hikida, Rice and Lindh

8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Apportionment has been one of the most litigated recent issues in the workers' comp world, with the ever erudite District Courts of Appeal weighing in on how physicians should distinguish industrial factors from non-industrial factors. Three of the most knowledgeable practitioners on this topic will provide in-depth analyses of these recent cases, along with practical tips on how to implement the holdings at trial for your client's best interest.

**SPEAKERS: Los Angeles:**

**Steve Rosenfeld, Greenup, Hartston & Rosenfeld  
Andrew Scott, Adams Ferrone & Ferrone**

**Walnut Creek:**

**Ray Correio, Pearlman, Brown & Wax, LLP**

## WCAB Commissioners Update

9:40 a.m. - 10:40 a.m.

The always informative, intelligent and entertaining WCAB Commissioner Panel will once again regale the audience with tales of life on the 9th floor of the San Francisco state building. Trends and issues to watch for in the coming year will be a focus of this program, along with tips and strategies that will be of keen interest to the entire workers' compensation community.

**SPEAKERS: Los Angeles & Walnut Creek:**

**Commissioner Jose Razo, Workers' Compensation Appeals Board**

**Walnut Creek:**

**Commissioner Marguerite Sweeney, Workers Compensation Appeals Board**

## Presumptive Injuries for Public Safety Workers

10:50 a.m. - 11:50 a.m.

California Workers' Compensation Law provides for a number of presumptions which apply specifically for Safety and Law Enforcement positions. Learn how presumptions afforded to Safety and Law Enforcement officers allow them to gain an evidentiary advantage in proving industrial causation. This program will address which employees and what conditions are covered by the presumptions and how the presumption may be rebutted.

**SPEAKER: Los Angeles & Walnut Creek:**

**Alec Beyer, Office County Counsel**

## Lunch Provided

11:50 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.

# IAL PROGRAM

## Applying for Subsequent Injuries Benefit Trust Fund Benefits: What You Need To Know

**12:45 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.**

Separate and apart from workers' compensation benefits, the Subsequent Injuries Benefits Trust Fund (SIBTF) is a source of additional compensation for people with disabilities who sustain an industrial injury. SIBTF benefits are administered by the Director of Industrial Relations. In order to obtain SIBTF benefits, an SIBTF application must be filed with the WCAB alleging that the statutory eligibility criteria have been met. Please join DIR attorneys Ann Wu (SoCal) and Caroline Holmes (NoCal) for a discussion on how to perfect your SIBTF application and what to expect once your claim has been filed. While every case is different, the presenters are pleased to share their inside strategies and tips for handling the typical SIBTF case.

**SPEAKERS:** **Los Angeles:**  
**Ann Wu, Department of Industrial Relations**  
**Walnut Creek:**  
**Caroline Holmes, CA Dept of Industrial Relations**

## Case Law Update

**1:55 p.m. - 2:55 p.m.**

Esteemed Judges Diane Bancroft and Sharon Velzy will bring their unique insight to recent decisions of the WCAB and District Court of Appeals. A can't miss presentation for every workers' compensation litigator. Emphasis will be placed on recent "tweaks" to the law, as well as a heads up on issues that may well arise in the future.

**SPEAKERS:** **Los Angeles & Walnut Creek:**  
**Judge Diane Bancroft, Van Nuys District Office**  
**Judge Sharon Velzy, Van Nuys District Office**

## Solving Problems Created by Chronic Pain and Addiction In The Workers' Comp System

**3:05 p.m. - 4:05 p.m.**

Dr. Mechel Henry, a board certified physiatrist, with expertise in rehabilitation, pain management, sports medicine and spinal cord injuries, will conclude this conference with an enlightening discussion on how to secure appropriate medical testimony that will constitute substantial evidence, upon which the judge can rely to rule in your client's favor. In addition, she will also address one of the hottest topics in workers' compensation today, how best to handle chronic pain issues.

**SPEAKER:** **Los Angeles & Walnut Creek:**  
**Dr. Mechel Henry, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation and Pain Management**

# REGISTRATION INFORMATION

## **CANCELLATIONS/REFUND POLICY:**

Cancellations and requests for refunds must be received in writing no later than 5 days prior to the program and are subject to a \$50 service charge. Refunds will not be available after this date.

## **QUESTIONS:**

For registration information call 916-516-1757. Telephone registrations will not be accepted. For program content and/or Section information call 916-516-1756.

## **SPECIAL ASSISTANCE:**

For special assistance, please call 916-516-1756.

## **ON-SITE:**

On-site registration will be on a space available basis. Call to confirm space availability.

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## REGISTRATION FORM

Note: One registrant per form. Photocopies may be used.

☐ **Los Angeles: April 6, 2019**

☐ **Walnut Creek: May 4, 2019**

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☐ **\$295** Workers' Compensation Section Members

☐ **\$390** Non-Section Members

(includes enrollment in the Workers' Compensation Section for 2019)

☐ **\$195** Claims Specialist

\*\*Onsite registration fees are \$345 for Section Members and \$440 for Non-Section Members

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**Deadline:** In order to pre-register, your form and check, payable to California Lawyers Association, or credit card information, must be received by 5 days prior to the program.

**Register Online:** <http://CALawyers.org/WorkersComp>

**Mail To:** Program Registrations, California Lawyers Association  
400 Capitol Mall, Suite 650, Sacramento, CA 95814

**Email To:** Program Registrations at [ProgramRegistrations@CALawyers.org](mailto:ProgramRegistrations@CALawyers.org). In order to email your registration, credit card information is **MANDATORY. (Photocopies of checks will NOT be accepted.)**

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