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8th Annual Rating Extravaganza Burbank Marriott

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2019

Los Angeles Marriott Burbank Airport

2500 N Hollywood Way

Burbank, CA 91505

Register Online:

<http://CALawyers.org/Section/Workers-Compensation>

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Registration and Check-In

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Continental Breakfast

8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

Cutting Edge Apportionment: Cases, Concepts and Strategies

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

The wise and wonderful Ray Correio will focus his presentation on the provocative and sometimes “quirky” areas of apportionment, including an analysis of the Labor Code 4662 presumption; recent significant decisions such as Lindh, Hikida and Rice; and their impact on the constantly evolving apportionment litigation equation.

SPEAKER: Ray Correio, Esq., Encino, CA

How to Bullet Proof Your Medical Evidence

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

Judge Eric Ledger will cover the necessary elements of what constitutes a complete medical-legal report with regard to rebutting the Permanent Disability Ratings Schedule (PDRS). This session will provide specific examples of what constitutes substantial medical evidence in rebutting the Combined Values Chart (CVC) and other forms of rebutting the PDRS, and examples of what falls short. Judge Ledger will provide extensive tips on how to ensure your position is based on a complete medical-legal record, in light of recent case law and recent legislative changes.

SPEAKER: Judge Eric Ledger, Oakland, CA

Use and Abuse of AMA Guides

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

Case law has mandated that Whole Person Impairments and Disability be rated per LC 4660. LC 4660 has mandated that each party must rate impairments using metrics found in the AMA Guides. However, doctors often misunderstand how to properly use the Guides. Their mistakes can cost your clients dearly. In this program, AMA Guides experts will review how to bullet proof various impairment ratings, both from a strict rating perspective and from a rebuttal use method.

SPEAKERS: David Skaggs, Vice President, PacificComp,
Thousand Oaks, CA
Tim Null, Tim Null Rating Services (and former DEU rater),
Los Angeles, CA

Networking Lunch—Hosted

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

Common Rating Errors and How to Fix Them

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

The goal of rating permanent disability is to achieve an accurate rating. However, the accuracy of the rating is only as good as the medical report and the understanding of the rater. It is imperative that the workers' compensation practitioners be able to spot issues when a permanent disability report needs further development. Annalisa Becker, a highly experienced DEU permanent disability rater, will offer tips and unique perspectives on how to rate impairments using the AMA Guides. She will key in on specific "gotcha" issues and will provide strategies on how to avoid them, so that they don't adversely affect your client's outcome.

SPEAKER: Annalisa J. Becker, DEU Northern California Supervisor (Redding)

Practice Tips for Litigating a Complex PD Case

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

Three preeminent workers' compensation judges will discuss hypotheticals and various mechanisms for obtaining permanent disability ratings based on substantial medical evidence. Topics include when and how a judge might entertain a motion to develop the record, as well as key litigation strategies. The panel will provide an in-depth "how-to" roadmap for litigating a permanent disability case, from discovery issues to when it might be appropriate to appeal. Issues such as completing the MSC Statement, burden of proof, legal standards, interpreting the AMA Guides, and handling live testimony will be discussed.

SPEAKERS: Judge Clint Feddersen, Van Nuys, CA
Judge Robert Rassp, Los Angeles, CA
Judge William Carero, Oxnard, CA

Nailing the Doctor's Deposition

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

Taking a doctor's deposition often strikes fear in the heart of every litigator. The physicians aren't so keen on them either. In this session, you will learn how to extract the exact information you need to meet your burden of proof in each classic workers' compensation case. Both applicant and defense attorneys will receive a comprehensive list of "take-aways" to ensure their next doctor's deposition is a successful one.

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REGISTRATION INFORMATION

CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS:

Cancellations and requests for refunds must be received in writing no later than Friday, August 30, 2019 and are subject to a \$50 service charge. Refunds will not be available after August 30, 2019.

QUESTIONS:

For registration information please call (916) 516-1757. For information regarding the program please call (916) 516-1756.

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

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- \$295** Current Workers' Compensation Section Members
- \$390** Non-Section Members
(Includes enrollment in the Workers' Compensation Section for 2019)
- \$195** Claims Specialist

**Onsite registration fees are \$395 for Section Members and \$490 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 August 30, 2019.

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