



Washington Self-Insurers Association

Legal Issues Workshop 2023
October 25th & 26th, 2023
AGENDA

Wednesday, October 25th

- 8:30 a.m. **IME Recording: New Issues and Strategies**
Kristin McCoy, Regional Vice President, MES Solutions
Shawna Fruin, Attorney, Reinisch Wilson PC
- 10:00 a.m. **Break**
- 10:15 a.m. **Insurers on Risk: An Overview of the Last Injurious Exposure Rule**
Nicole Tedrow, Attorney, Eims Tedrow & Ladenburg
- 11:00 a.m. **Effectively Using Settlements to Resolve Claims and Reduce Exposure**
Kelly Myers, Attorney, Gress, Clark, Young, Schoepper
- 11:45 a.m. **Lunch**
- 12:45 p.m. **Surveillance Best Practices in WC Claims**
Mike Poth, Vice President, Poth Investigations
Steve Starkel, President & CEO, Miles Investigations
Brian McDonald, President, McDonald & Associates
- 1:45 p.m. **BIIA Significant Decisions- The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly**
Lester Marshall, Attorney, Wallace Klor Mann Capener & Bishop
- 2:45 p.m. **Break**
- 3:00 p.m. **The Force Multiplier: How AI Amplifies Litigation Management**
Gia Sawko, Director of Claims, Gradient AI
- 4:00 p.m. **Adjourn**

Thursday, October 26th

- 8:30 a.m. **Dangerous Claims**
Chris Bishop, Attorney, Wallace Klor Mann Capener & Bishop
Lawrence Mann, Attorney, Wallace Klor Mann Capener & Bishop
Ryan Miller, Attorney, Hall & Miller
- 9:30 a.m. **When Does COVID Qualify as an Occupational Disease? Threading the Needle Between *Sutherland, Olivera, and Bean***
Kristin Whitford, Attorney, Pratt Day & Stratton PLLC
- 10:30 a.m. **Break**
- 10:45 a.m. **Ergonomics and Workplace Safety Updates**
James Anderson, Attorney, Cummins Goodman Denley & Vickers PC
- 11:45 a.m. **Lunch**
- 12:45 p.m. **Non-Comp Bad Faith 101**
Frank Cordell, Attorney, Gordon, Tilden, Thomas and Cordell
- 1:45 p.m. **Legal and Claim Ethical Traps to Avoid Bad Faith Exposure**
Christine Olson, Attorney, SBH Legal
David White, Attorney, SBH Legal
- 2:45 p.m. **Break**
- 3:00 p.m. **“Good faith and fair dealing” Coming to a Claim Near You**
Sommer Tolleson, Attorney, Tolleson, Conratt, & Replogle
Linda Conratt, Attorney, Tolleson, Conratt, & Replogle
- 4:00 p.m. **Adjourn**