



Washington Self-Insurers Association

**Legal Issues Workshop  
November 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
AGENDA**

**Wednesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>**

- 8:30 – 9:30 am      **Understanding the Appeals Process at the BIIA & Superior Court**  
*Bob Battles, Business Member, BIIA*
- 9:30 – 10:00 am    **Inside L&I: Hot Issues & The Road Ahead**  
*Stephanie Scheurich, SI Program Manager, Department of Labor & Industries*
- 10:00 – 10:30 am   **The Ombuds Office Annual Update: Key Issues in Worker Advocacy**  
*Ciara High, Ombuds, Department of Labor & Industries*
- 10:30 – 10:45 am   **Networking Break**
- 10:45 – 11:45 am   **Tech Tools & Traps for Legal Teams in Workers' Comp**  
Moderator: *Cameron VanDyck, Director of Member Services, WSIA*  
*Anita Booker-Hay, Chief Judge, BIIA*  
*Ryan Miller, Attorney, Hall & Miller*  
*Sanjeev Batta, Owner, Gardiant*  
*Krishna Balasubramani, Attorney, SBH Legal*
- 11:45 am – 12:45 pm      **Lunch**
- 12:45 – 2:15 pm    **Case Law Update: Key Decisions Reshaping Worker's Comp**  
*Kelly Myers, Attorney, Gress Clark Young & Schoepper*
- 2:15 – 2:45 pm      **Pro-Active Penalties to Manage Claims**  
*Chris Bishop, Attorney, Wallace Mann Capener Bishop & Debney*
- 2:45 – 3:00 pm      **Networking Break**
- 3:00 – 4:00 pm      **Benefit Rates Update: What's Changing & Why It Matters**  
*Kris Tefft, Executive Director, Washington Self-Insurers Association*  
*Heather Breiman, Claims Manager, CorVel*

**Thursday, November 6<sup>th</sup>**

- 8:30 – 9:30 am      **Mental Health Claims: Stress, PTSD & Cumulative Trauma**  
*Jennifer Jutte, PhD, ABPP, MPH, Associate Medical Director for Psychology, Department of Labor & Industries*
- 9:30 – 10:30 am      **Best Practices in Claim Handling: What Attorneys Need to Know**  
*Heather Breiman, Claims Manager, CorVel*
- 10:30 – 10:45 am      **Networking Break**
- 10:45 – 11:45 am      **LEP Policy & Application: Getting It Right the First Time**  
*Aurora Levinson, Attorney, Reinisch Wilson*
- 11:45 am – 12:45 pm      **Lunch**
- 12:45 2:15 pm      **AI in Workers' Comp: Promise, Pitfalls & Practice**  
*Shawna Fruin, Managing Partner, Reinisch Wilson*
- 2:15 – 2:45 pm      **GFFD for All: Expanding the Scope Beyond Workers' Comp**  
*Elyse Waters, Attorney, SBH Legal*  
*Sarah Cohen, Attorney, SBH Legal*
- 2:45 – 3:00 pm      **Networking Break**
- 3:00 – 3:30 pm      **Legislation Update: What's New & What's Next**  
*Kris Tefft, Executive Director, Washington Self-Insurers Association*
- 3:30 – 4:00 pm      **Recap & Vision: Where We Go From Here**  
*Shawna Fruin, Managing Partner, Reinisch Wilson*  
*Chris Bishop, Attorney, Wallace Mann Capener Bishop & Debney*  
*Ryan Miller, Attorney, Hall & Miller*
- 4:00 pm      **Adjourn**