



Washington Self-Insurers Association

**Legal Issues Workshop
November 5th & 6th, 2025
AGENDA**

Wednesday, November 5th

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

Thursday, November 6th

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