



Washington Self-Insurers Association

**Legal Issues Workshop
November 4th & 5th, 2026
AGENDA**

Wednesday, November 4th

8:30 – 9:30 am **Washington Workers' Compensation: The 2026 Year in Review**
Shawna Fruin, Managing Partner, Reinisch Wilson

9:30 – 10:30 am **Why Employers Lose Winnable Cases**
Brad Jones-McCreary, Attorney, Reinisch Wilson

10:30 – 10:45 am **Networking Break**

10:45 – 11:45 am **Winning at Trial and on Appeal: Superior Court Strategy**
Lawrence Mann, Attorney, Wallace Mann Capener Bishop & Debney

11:45 am – 12:45 pm **Lunch**

12:45 – 1:45 pm **Independent Medical Examinations: The IME Playbook**
Lonnie Ladenburg, Attorney, Eims Tedrow & Ladenburg

1:45 – 2:45 pm **Proper & Necessary Medical Treatment: Drawing the Line**
Madeline Mahugh, Attorney, SBH Legal
Michael Godfrey, Attorney, SBH Legal

2:45 – 3:00 pm **Networking Break**

3:00 – 4:00 pm **From Investigation to Litigation: Defending DOSH Citations Before the Board**
James Anderson, Attorney, Cummins Goodman Denley & Vikes

4:00 pm **Adjourn**

Thursday, November 5th

- 8:30 – 10:30 am **Practical Evidence at the BIIA**
Chris Bishop, Attorney, Wallace Mann Capener Bishop & Debney
Ryan Miller, Attorney, Hall & Miller
Bob Battles, Business Member, BIIA
- 10:30 – 10:45 am **Networking Break**
- 10:45 – 11:45 am **Vocational Issues in 2026**
Joe Urbanski, Attorney, SBH Legal
Julie Busch, Vocational Consultant, Brightside Vocational Partners
- 11:45 am – 12:45 pm **Lunch**
- 12:45 - 1:45 pm **Tricky Occupational Disease Claims**
Aurora Levinson, Attorney, Reinisch Wilson
Chris Fender, Attorney, Reinisch Wilson
- 1:45 – 2:45 pm **Legislative Update: New Pension Legislation & What's Next**
Kris Tefft, Executive Director, Washington Self-Insurers Association
- 2:45 – 3:00 pm **Networking Break**
- 3:00 – 4:00 pm **LNI Policy Updates**
Stephanie Scheurich, SI Program Manager, Department of Labor & Industries
- 4:00 pm **Adjourn**