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Thursday, November 12, 2020

(All times Eastern Standard Time.)

10:00 – 11:00 am Welcome and Interview with Michele Adams followed by the Industry Keynote

WCI Founders Jim McConnaughay, General Chair and Steve Rissman, Program Chair conduct a candid interview with Michele Adams, a WCI Advisory Board member and Vice President of Risk Operations and Casualty Claims at Walmart. Continue to watch as our esteemed industry keynote panel dives in to talk about the Great Disrupter...COVID-19.

**Industry Keynote:
COVID-19: Adjusting and Adapting to the Great Disruptor - Webinar**

Hosts:
Kimberly George
Senior Vice President, Corporate Development, M&A and Healthcare Sedgwick Chicago, IL

Mark Walls
Vice President Communications & Strategic Analysis Safety National St. Louis, MO

Panel:
Anas Al-Hamwi
Senior Director, Health & Safety, and Injury Management Walgreens Deerfield, IL

Danielle Lisenbey
Global President TPA Solutions Broadspire Atlanta, GA

In modern history, there has not been a more disruptive risk management event than the COVID-19 pandemic. It has changed everything, including how we work, where we work and how we interact with each other. Every industry, business and individual has been impacted in numerous ways, which remains fluid as the world continues to face related evolving challenges. This novel virus did not come with a playbook, but after months

of living through it, there are many lessons that we can derive from those in our industry who had to quickly adjust and adapt their business models.

In this “Out Front Ideas with Kimberly and Mark” industry keynote session, Kimberly George and Mark Walls lead a diverse group of panelists in a discussion on how their businesses were impacted by COVID-19 and, in response, how they have modified their way of doing business. Learn how they overcame some of their largest challenges, what lessons they learned along the way, and how they expect their businesses, and the workers’ compensation industry as a whole, will have to evolve moving forward.

Learning Objectives:

1. Learn how COVID19 impacted various segments of the workers’ compensation industry.
2. Learn how businesses are adapting to the challenges presented in a pandemic.
3. Learn how businesses are changing their business models due to the pandemic.

11:00 – 11:15 am Sponsored Break

11:15 – 12:15 pm Workers’ Comp MSA’s: What You Always Wanted to Know From CMS - Webinar

Moderators:
Roy A. Franco
Franco Signor LLC Bradenton, FL

Heather Sanderson
Chief Legal Officer Franco Signor LLC Bradenton, FL

Speaker:
John W. Jenkins, Jr., MSHS, MSHA,
FAC-COR III, FAC-COR P/PM III
Health Insurance Specialist Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Baltimore, MD

Medicare requires WC plans to report both the Medicare status of claimants and any settlements or judgments for claimants who are Medicare beneficiaries. Failure to report could one day lead to fines up to \$1,000 per day, per claim. And we know that Medicare is currently exploring the details of how to start these penalties. Presenters will discuss the status of Medicare’s progress, share informed predictions on the shape these penalties may take, and go over best practice recommendations that front-line adjusters can use to go on the offensive today, to head off any penalty concerns for non-compliance.

12:15 – 12:30 pm Sponsored Break

12:30 – 1:30 pm **The Intersection of Severe Injuries and the Pandemic: Parallels Between Isolation and Psychotropic Drug Use - Webinar**

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Speakers:
Phil Walls, RPh
Chief Clinical Officer
myMatrixx, an Express Scripts Company
Tampa, FL



Niki Moore, MSN, RN, CCM
Team Leader Nurse Case Management
Risk Management
Publix Super Markets, Inc.
Lakeland, FL



Many Americans are facing high rates of depression, insomnia, anxiety and substance abuse as a result of isolation brought on by the pandemic and the resulting quarantine. In this session, we will discuss how a similar sequence of events occurs following a severe injury: homebound isolation, loss of productive activity and exposure to powerful drugs to treat pain and mental health issues. We will also discuss the pharmacology of these drugs, as well as their risks, side effects and effective strategies to manage their use.

1:30 – 3:30 pm **Case Law Update 2020 - Webinar**

Moderator:
E. Louis Stern, Attorney
McConnaughay, Coonrod, Pope, Weaver & Stern, PA
Sarasota, FL

Panel:
Geoffrey Bichler, Attorney
Bichler & Longo, PLLC
Maitland, FL

Marc E. Golden, Attorney
Rosenthal, Levy, Simon & Sosa, PA
West Palm Beach, FL

David K. Beach, Attorney
Rissman, Barrett, Hurt, Donahue, McLain & Mangan, PA
Tampa, FL

Mark L. Zientz, Attorney
Law Offices of Mark L. Zientz, PA
Miami, FL

The panelists will discuss many of the major cases that have been decided in the last year by the appellate courts as they affect workers' compensation matters. An analysis of the trends of the court and the law is also given, with emphasis on the practical application of the case law to the handling of a workers' compensation claim. Summaries of cases discussed will be available for attendees.

3:30 – 3:45 pm Sponsored Break

3:45 – 4:45 pm **Multi-State Breakout 1**

WCDI A Multi-State Analysis of Common Compensability Issues Confronting WC Claims Handlers Group 1 - Webinar

(Alabama, California, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Texas)

Moderator:
Kyle K. Kinney, Attorney
Miller, Christie & Kinney, PC
Birmingham, AL

Individual State Presenters:

California:
Emily Edwards, Attorney
Manning & Kass, LLP
Los Angeles, CA

Kentucky:
Walter E. Harding, Attorney
Boehl Stopher & Graves, LLP
Louisville, KY

Louisiana:
Jeffrey C. Napolitano, Attorney
Juge, Napolitano, Guilbeau, Ruli & Frieman
Metairie, LA

Mississippi:
James M. Anderson, Attorney
Anderson Crawley & Burke, PLLC
Ridgeland, MS

Oklahoma:
Jordan Ensley, Attorney
Latham Steele Lehman, PC
Tulsa, OK

Texas:
Robert D. Stokes, Attorney
Flahive, Ogden & Latson
Austin, TX

While continuing the trend of offering workers' compensation topics and presentations to address current events and the interests of our attendees, the Multi-State Breakout will cover national and state specific workers' compensation issues in both a thought provoking and entertaining virtual format. Presented to you by law firms from the Workers' Compensation Defense Institute (WCDI), our expert panelists will facilitate a discussion of topics including employees' injuries at home, impairment/intoxication defenses and the impact of marijuana legalization, PTSD claims, and obtaining case closure.

Sponsorships are available for this event. Contact Cathy Bowman cathy@wci360.com for more information.