

Friday, August 23, 2013

Bayfront Convention Center

8:00 a.m. - Registration/Continental Breakfast

8:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. - Seminar

Cost: \$123 (ECBA members; non-attorney staff)

\$185 (nonmembers)

\$86 (member Judge not needing CLE)

CLE: This seminar has been approved by the PA CLE

Board for **2.5 hours substantive law** and

1 hour of ethics credits

A Half Day on WORKERS' COMPENSATION Topics

WCAIS Registration Opportunity at 12:15 p.m.

8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Miscellaneous Topics: Illegal Immigrant Issues, Compromise & Release and Mediation

Speaker: **Adam E. Barnett, Esquire** - Bernard, Stuczynski & Barnett

Illegal Immigrants - what rights do illegal immigrants have under the PA Workers' Compensation Act?

Compromise & Release Agreements - tips in drafting C&Rs including avoiding pitfalls involving Medicare, drafting Social Security offset language and the waiver of subrogation liens

Speakers: **Peter A. Pentz, Esquire** - Knox McLaughlin Gornall & Sennett, P.C.

Richard T. Ruth, Esquire - Law Office of Richard T. Ruth

Mediation from the Claimant and Employer/Insurer Perspectives - Should resolution of future medical bills be part of a claim's resolution? How does a claimant's attorney evaluate the settlement value of a claim? Creation of a Medicare set-aside agreement; Evaluation of a claim from a defense perspective

9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Confronting Ethical Issues in Workers' Compensation

Speakers: **The Honorable Carmen F. Lugo** and **The Honorable Jean S. Wright**

PA Department of Labor & Industry, Erie Workers' Compensation Office of Adjudication

Discussion of the Rules of Professional Responsibility in an attorney's practice before a Workers' Compensation Judge and the Code of Civility as it pertains to attorneys and Judges

10:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. - Break

10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

The Workers' Compensation Automation and Integration System (WCAIS)

Speakers: **The Honorable David A. Cicola** - Western District Judge Manager, Johnstown, PA

Liz Crum - Director of Adjudication, Department of Labor & Industry, Worker's Compensation Office of Adjudication, Harrisburg, PA

An overview of what WCAIS is will be presented along with information about how attorneys will benefit from using it along with some of its high level functionality.

Top 6 Reasons to Register for and Use WCAIS:

- ▶ Save Money - save paper, ink and mailing costs when you file petitions and WCAB appeals online;
- ▶ Save More Money - no postage required to upload forms and documents into WCAIS;
- ▶ Save Time - view correspondence online instead of opening and processing mail;
- ▶ Save More Time - view hearing schedules online;
- ▶ Expedite the process - no more waiting for the mail to arrive or to be mailed out;
- ▶ Improve Case Management and Efficiencies - information and filing in all of your cases is available 24/7!

Immediately following the seminar, Stevi Leech, from the Department of Labor & Industry's Harrisburg Workers' Compensation Office will be available to register attorneys for WCAIS.

NOTE: You MUST bring your Attorney ID card plus a photo ID to be registered.

Registrations due to the ECBA office no later than Wednesday, August 14.

I will attend the ECBA Live Seminar "A Half Day on Workers' Compensation Topics" on August 23, 2013. Enclosed is my check payable to the ECBA or I will register online at www.eriebar.com.

Name: _____

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