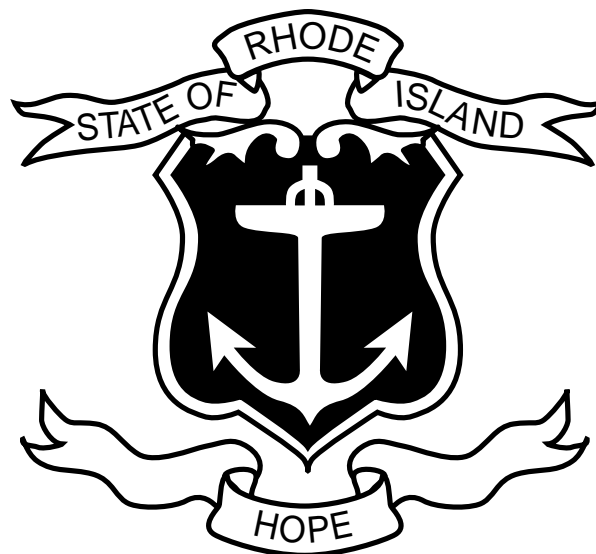


The Rhode Island Workers' Compensation Educational Conference 2018

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November 1-2, 2018

Providence Biltmore Hotel
Providence, Rhode Island

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RHODE ISLAND
WORKERS' COMPENSATION EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE
November 1 - 2, 2018

Who Should Attend?

All employers, employees, insurance companies, agents, healthcare organizations, third party administrators, managed care organizations, attorneys, researchers and students will receive valuable workers' compensation information at this conference.

Registration Fee

The fees for attending this informative conference are:
\$350 Early bird registration on or before September 28th
\$400 Registration thereafter

Registration fee includes conference materials and special functions, including two continental breakfasts, one evening reception and one luncheon. Casual attire is appropriate for all functions.

Conference Location

PROVIDENCE BILTMORE HOTEL
11 Dorrance St. • Providence, RI 02903 • (401) 421-0700

A block of rooms has been reserved at the conference group rate of \$179/night. **The rooms will be held through October 1, 2018**, unless this block becomes fully reserved prior to this date. Register early! Call (401) 340-2974 and give group code 1031RIIWCF when making your reservations. Or book online at <https://tinyurl.com/RIConf18>. Self-parking is available at the Biltmore Garage behind the hotel at \$12 early bird (in by 9 a.m. and out by 6 p.m.), otherwise rates are up to \$25 daily (no in/out privileges). (*Parking rates are subject to change*).

Materials

The conference is paperless! Materials will be provided on a flash drive, available upon request at the conference. Additionally, attendees will be able to download the materials via internet prior to the conference. Please look for the link on your confirmation postcard and via email once the materials are available to download. Please be sure to provide an accurate and legible email address when you register to assure receipt of the link.

Continuing Education Credits

Participants may be eligible for continuing education credits for conference attendance. Application will be made for Rhode Island CLE credit for attorneys; SHRM credit for human resources professionals; CE credits for insurance producers; and CRC, CDMS, and CCM credits for rehabilitation providers. A certificate of attendance will be provided for other professional disciplines.

Program Schedule*

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2018

- 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM REGISTRATION AND CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
- 9:00 AM – 9:50 AM **Sexual Harassment: Workers' Compensation Claims and Alternative Causes of Action**
William O'Gara, Esquire, and Samantha Vasques, Esquire, Pannone Lopes Devereaux & O'Gara LLC; Moderator - The Honorable Michael J Feeney, Rhode Island Workers' Compensation Court
- 9:50 AM – 10:00 AM BREAK WITH EXHIBITORS
- 10:00 AM – 10:50 AM **WC Fraud: Misclassification Issues**
George Nee, AFL/CIO; Michael D. Lynch, Esquire, Beacon Mutual Insurance Company; Joseph Degnan, RI Department of Labor and Training; Moderator - The Honorable Steven A. Minicucci, Rhode Island Workers' Compensation Court
- 10:50 AM – 11:00 AM BREAK WITH EXHIBITORS
- 11:00 AM – 11:50 AM **Violence in the Workplace: Active Shooter Workshop**
Chief Sheriff David DeCesare and Lieutenant Christopher Reilly, Rhode Island Division of Sheriffs
- 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM LUNCHEON ...YES-RI
Nick DiFilippo, Administrator, and Paul Petit, Deputy Administrator, Rhode Island Workers' Compensation Court
- 1:00 PM – 1:30 PM DESSERT WITH EXHIBITORS
- 1:30 PM – 2:30 PM **Medical Marijuana: Employer Rights and Obligations**
Debra Najjar, Esquire, Najjar Employment Law Group, PC
- 2:30 PM – 2:45 PM BREAK WITH EXHIBITORS
- 2:45 PM – 3:50 PM **Alternative Treatments for Head Injury Claims**
Dr. Gary L'Europa, Dr. Steven Saris, Dr. Victor Pedro, and Dr. Thomas Guilmette; Moderator - Jack DeGiovanni, Esquire
- 3:50 PM – 4:00 PM BREAK WITH EXHIBITORS
- 4:00 PM – 4:50 PM **Workers' Compensation Practice: A View from the Bench**
The Honorable Robert E. Hardman, The Honorable Alfredo T. Conte, and The Honorable Steven A. Minicucci, Rhode Island Workers' Compensation Court
- 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM RECEPTION

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2018

- 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM REGISTRATION & CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
- 9:00 AM – 9:50 AM **Using Social and Digital Media Evidence in a Workers' Compensation Case**
Brian J. Lamoureux, Esquire, Pannone Lopes Devereaux & O'Gara LLC
- 9:50 AM – 10:00 AM BREAK WITH EXHIBITORS
- 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM **Breakouts – Select 1 of 2**
- Option A.... Attorney Ethics**
David Curtin, Esquire, State of Rhode Island Chief Disciplinary Counsel
- Option B.... Disability Prevention Strategies and Methods to Achieve a Safe and Sustained Return to Work**
Dr. Glenn Pransky, Associate Professor, Department of Family Medicine and Community Health, University of Massachusetts Medical School
- 12:00 PM ADJOURN

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM
RHODE ISLAND WORKERS' COMPENSATION EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE
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Registration Fees: \$350 per person paid on or before 9/28/18
 \$400 per person paid thereafter

1. **Payment by Credit Card** (MasterCard, VISA or American Express) - go to www.iwcf.us/iwcfevents.html and click on link to Register Online under RHODE ISLAND.
2. **Payment by Check** Complete, copy and return this form, along with a check made payable to the IWCF (International Workers' Compensation Foundation, Inc.) and mail to IWCF, 570 Memorial Circle, Suite 320, Ormond Beach, FL 32174.

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CANCELLATION REFUND POLICY - Cancellation of preregistration must be made before 5:00 pm on **October 19, 2018**. Substitution of personnel is recommended in lieu of cancellation after that date. The full registration fee will be forfeited if you fail to attend or cancel timely.

SPECIAL NEEDS - Individuals attending the conference who may need auxiliary aids or special services are requested to provide notice of their needs in writing no later than 10 working days before the conference so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

DRESS CODE - Casual clothing is appropriate for all events.

*For further information contact the IWCF office at (386) 677-0041, Fax (386) 677-0155
or email IWCF@bellsouth.net.*

Net proceeds from this event, if any, go to the International Workers' Compensation Foundation (FEIN# 35-1737364), a non-profit organization, to further its work in workers' compensation education and outreach.

EXHIBITOR/SPONSORSHIP REGISTRATION FORM
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ATTENTION EXHIBITORS

Fee of \$800 includes two (2) complimentary registrations for exhibitor representatives. Additional registrants will be accepted at the early bird rate of \$350 each. A separate registration form should be completed for each additional registrant.

Space is offered on a first come, first served basis and will only be reserved upon our receipt of this registration form, which may be faxed to (386) 677-0155 or emailed to iwcf@bellsouth.net. For additional information regarding exhibit area, contact the IWCF at (386) 677-0041. Booth set-up will be in the exhibitor area on Thurs., Nov. 1st, 7 A.M. - 8 A.M. Tear-down will be on Fri., Nov. 2nd, 12:00 P.M. Reception, continental breakfasts and refreshment breaks will be held in the Exhibition area. Registration fee includes one 6' draped table and two chairs, and twenty-four hour security. Full fee forfeiture if unable to attend.

EXHIBITOR INSURANCE/HOLD HARMLESS CLAUSE

Exhibitor assumes entire responsibility and hereby agrees to protect, indemnify, defend, save and hold harmless the International Workers' Compensation Foundation (IWCF), its employees and agents, Chelsea Place Meetings and its employees and agents, and the Providence Biltmore Hotel against all claims, losses and damages to persons or property, governmental charges or fines and attorney fees arising out of or caused by exhibitor's installation, removal, maintenance, occupancy or use of the exhibition premises or part thereof, excluding any such liability caused by the sole negligence or concurrent comparative negligence of the Providence Biltmore Hotel and its employees and agents, Chelsea Place Meetings and its employees and agents, as well as the IWCF, its members, employees and agents.

In addition, exhibitor acknowledges that the Providence Biltmore Hotel, Chelsea Place Meetings, and the IWCF do not maintain insurance covering exhibitors' property or potential liabilities and that it is the sole responsibility of the exhibitor to obtain business interruption insurance, property damage insurance and liability insurance covering such losses by exhibitor. Exhibitor shall obtain and keep in force during the term of the installation and use of the exhibit premises, policies of comprehensive general liability insurance and contractual liability insurance and specifically referring to contractual liability set forth in the foregoing paragraphs hereof, in an amount not less than \$1,000,000 combined single limit for personal injury and property damage. Providence Biltmore Hotel, Chelsea Place Meetings, and the IWCF shall be included in such policies as additionally named insureds for this convention only.

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Two registration options are available for exhibitors and gold and silver sponsors

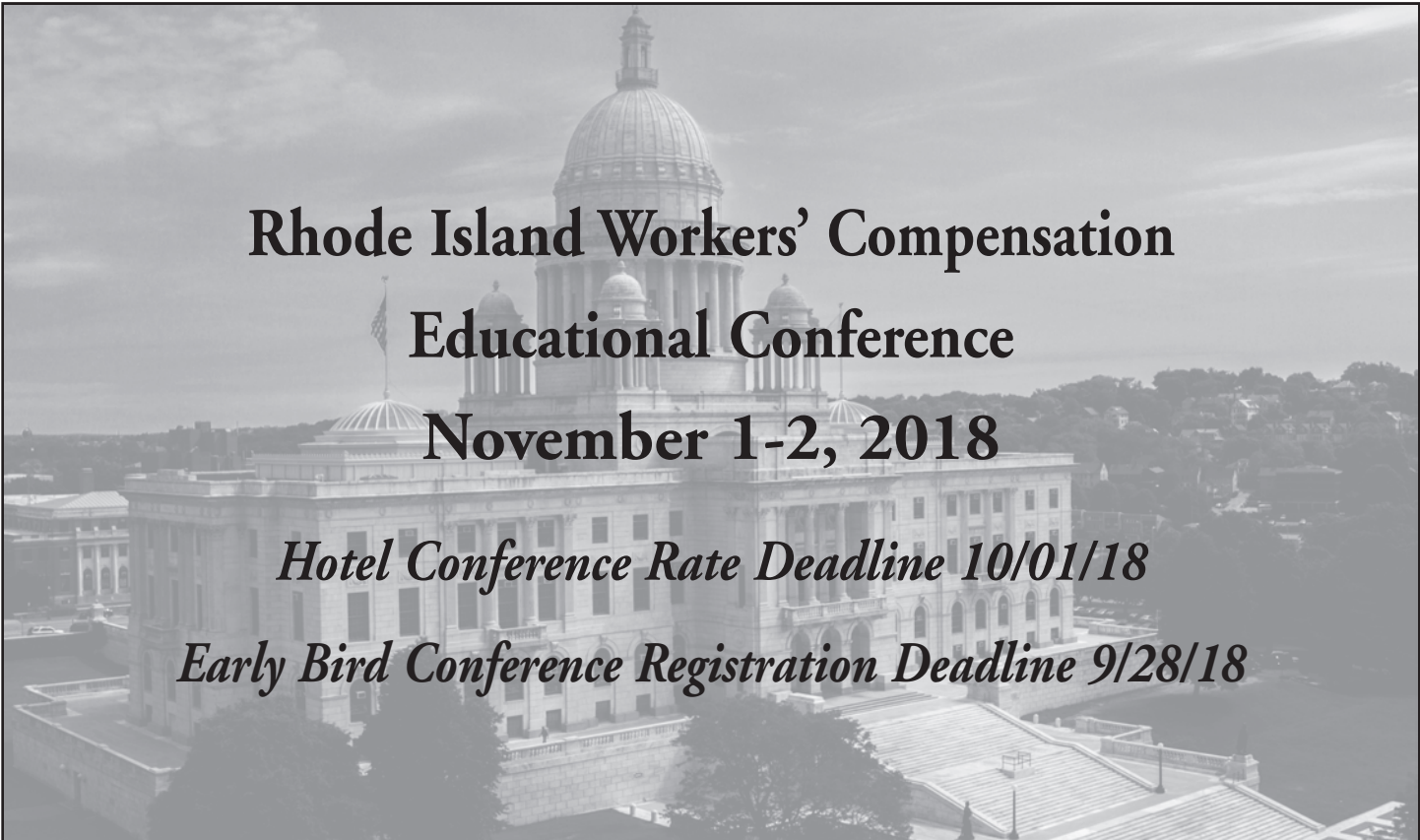
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