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PROGRAM SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2018

8:00 am - 9:00 am	REGISTRATION AND CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST	Grand Ballroom Foyer	
	GENERAL SESSION		
9:00 am - 9:50 am	Sexual Harassment: Workers' Compensation Claims and Alternative Causes of Action William O'Gara, Esquire, Pannone Lopes Devereaux & O'Gara LLC Matthew C. Reeber, Esquire, Pannone Lopes Devereaux & O'Gara LLC Moderator - The Honorable Michael J. Feeney, Rhode Island Workers' Compensation Court	Grand Ballroom	
9:50 am - 10:00 am	BREAK WITH EXHIBITORS	L'Apogee 17	
10:00 am - 10:50 am	WC Fraud: Misclassification Issues George Nee, AFL/CIO; Michael D. Lynch, Esquire, Beacon Mutual Insurance Joseph Degnan, RI Department of Labor and Training Moderator - The Honorable Steven A. Minicucci, Rhode Island Workers' Compensation Court of Rhode Island	Grand Ballroom Company	
10:50 am - 11:00 am	BREAK WITH EXHIBITORS	L'Apogee 17	
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	Grand Ballroom	
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	LUNCHEON A presentation from YES-RI (Young Employee Safety Program) Luncheon Speakers: Nick DiFilippo, Administrator, and Paul Petit, Deputy Administrator, Rhode Island Workers' Compensation Court	Garden Room (2nd Floor)	
1:00 pm - 1:30 pm	DESSERT WITH EXHIBITORS IN EXHIBITION AREA	L'Apogee 17	
1:30 pm - 2:30 pm	Medical Marijuana: Employer Rights and Obligations Debra Najjar, Esquire, Najjar Employment Law Group, PC	Grand Ballroom	
2:30 pm - 2:45 pm	BREAK WITH EXHIBITORS	L'Apogee 17	
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 Guil Moderator - Jack DeGiovanni, Esquire	Grand Ballroom	
3:50 pm - 4:00 pm	BREAK WITH EXHIBITORS	L'Apogee 17	
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 Steven A. Minicucci, Rhode Island Workers' Compensation Court	Grand Ballroom e Honorable	

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2018 8:00 am - 9:00 am REGISTRATION AND CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST **Grand Ballroom Foyer GENERAL SESSION** 9:00 am - 9:50 am Using Social and Digital Media Evidence in a Workers' Compensation Case **Grand Ballroom** Brian J. Lamoureux, Esquire, Pannone Lopes Devereaux & O'Gara LLC **BREAK WITH EXHIBITORS** 9:50 am - 10:00 am L'Apogee 17 **BREAKOUTS** - select 1 of 2 10:00 am - 12:00 pm **Option A... Attorney Ethics** Grand Ballroom David Curtin, Esquire, Chief Disciplinary Counsel, Rhode Island Supreme Court Option B... Disability Prevention Strategies and Methods to Achieve a Safe L'Apogee 18 and Sustained Return to Work **Dr. Glenn Pransky**, Associate Professor, Department of Family Medicine and Community Health, University of Massachusetts Medical School William Massey, MA, MAT, Assistant Administrator, Vocational Recovery Services, Arrigan Rehabilition Center Joanne Fowler, PhD, Clinical Psychologist, Arrigan Rehabilitation Center 12:00 PM **ADJOURN** Materials are available online at https://www.courts.ri.gov/Courts/workerscompensationcourt/Pages/default.aspx **NOTES**