

The 29th Annual  
California DWC Workers' Compensation  
Educational Conference



Wednesday - Friday, March 23-25, 2022  
Pre-Recorded Presentations Followed by Live Q&A  
Sessions Available Online After  
Initial Presentation Through April 8, 2022

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 2022**

8:00 - 9:00 AM **LOG IN / VISIT VIRTUAL EXHIBIT HALL**  
9:00 - 9:15 AM **Welcome**  
*George Parisotto, Administrative Director, Division of Workers' Compensation*

9:15 - 9:45 AM **BREAK / VISIT VIRTUAL EXHIBIT HALL**  
9:45 - 10:45 AM **General Session**  
**DWC Update**  
*George Parisotto, Administrative Director, Division of Workers' Compensation*

10:45 - 11:15 AM **BREAK / VISIT VIRTUAL EXHIBIT HALL**  
11:15 AM - 12:15 PM **Concurrent Break-Out Sessions (choose I of II)**  
**I. Ethics**  
*Jaime Spitzer, Presiding Judge, Anaheim Workers' Compensation Appeals Board; W. Kearse McGill, Appellate Judge; Steven Siemers, Principal, Steven Siemers Dispute Resolution, LLC*

**II. COVID-19 Statistics**  
*Alex Swedlow, President, CWCI; Rena David, Senior Vice-President, Research & Operations, CWCI*

12:15 - 12:45 PM **BREAK / VISIT VIRTUAL EXHIBIT HALL**  
12:45 - 1:45 PM **Concurrent Break-Out Sessions (choose I of II)**  
**I. QME Med/Legal Update**  
*Nicole Richardson, QME Discipline Attorney, Division of Workers' Compensation; Winslow West, QME Discipline Attorney, Division of Workers' Compensation; Steven Feinberg, M.D.*  
**II. Apportionment**  
*Robert Rassa, Presiding Judge, WCAB Los Angeles District Office; Colleen Casey, Workers' Compensation Judge, Division of Workers' Compensation*

**THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 2022**

8:00 - 9:45 AM **LOG IN / VISIT VIRTUAL EXHIBIT HALL**  
9:45 - 10:45 AM **Concurrent Break-Out Sessions (choose I of II)**  
**I. Navigating Cal/OSHA's COVID-19 Regulations**  
*Dan Leiner, Area Manager, San Fernando Valley Cal/OSHA Consultation Services, DOSH*

**II. Case Law Update, Part 1**  
*Paige Levy, Chief Judge, Division of Workers' Compensation; Mark Kabn, Attorney, Altman & Blitstein*

10:45 - 11:15 AM **BREAK / VISIT VIRTUAL EXHIBIT HALL**  
11:15 AM - 12:15 PM **Concurrent Break-Out Sessions (choose I of II)**  
**I. Trending Audit Topics**  
*Christina Fenimore, Workers' Compensation Compliance Manager, DWC Audit and Enforcement Unit*  
**II. Case Law Update, Part 2**  
*Paige Levy, Chief Judge, Division of Workers' Compensation; Mark Kabn, Attorney, Altman, Lunche & Blitstein*

12:15 - 12:45 PM **BREAK / VISIT VIRTUAL EXHIBIT HALL**  
12:45 - 1:45 PM **Concurrent Break-Out Sessions (choose I of II)**  
**I. Subsequent Injuries Benefits Trust Fund (SIBTF)**  
*Stephanie Barber, Manager, Subsequent Injuries Benefits Trust Fund, DWC; Kim E. Card, Assistant Chief Counsel, Office of the Director Legal Unit, California Department of Industrial Relations*  
**II. WCAB: Commissioner's Update**  
*Anne Schmitz, Secretary and Deputy Commissioner, WCAB; Jose Razo, Commissioner, WCAB; Marguerite Sweeney, Commissioner, WCAB; Deidra E. Lowe, Commissioner, WCAB;*

**FRIDAY, MARCH 25, 2022**

8:00 - 9:45 AM **LOG IN / VISIT VIRTUAL EXHIBIT HALL**  
9:45 - 10:45 AM **Concurrent Break-Out Sessions (choose I of II)**  
**I. Understanding the Medical Treatment Utilization Schedule (MTUS)/Formulary**  
*Ray Meister, M.D., Executive Medical Director, DWC; John Cortes, Industrial Relations Counsel, DIR/Division of Workers' Compensation*  
**II. Strategies in Permanent Disability Rating**  
*Barry Knight, Disability Unit Manager, DWC*

10:45 - 11:15 AM **BREAK / VISIT VIRTUAL EXHIBIT HALL**  
11:15 AM - 12:15 PM **Concurrent Break-Out Sessions (choose I of II)**  
**I. Trends in Utilization Review**  
*George Parisotto, Administrative Director, Division of Workers' Compensation; River Sung, Staff Counsel, Division of Workers' Compensation; Rajiv Das, MD, MPH; Kevin Payne, DO, MPH, Medical Director - DWC IMR project, Maximus*  
**II. Litigation Tips**  
*Colleen Casey, Workers' Compensation Judge, Division of Workers' Compensation; Eric Ledger, Workers' Compensation Judge, Division of Workers' Compensation Oakland District Office*

12:15 AM - 12:45 PM **BREAK / VISIT VIRTUAL EXHIBIT HALL**  
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**I. Jeopardy**  
*Alex Swedlow, President, California Workers' Compensation Institute; Mark Priven, Vice President and Principal, Bickmore Risk Services*  
**II. 50th Anniversary of the Report of the National Commission on State Workmen's Compensation Laws**  
*Glenn Sbor, Policy Advisor, MPP, PhD*