



# Rhode Island Workers' Compensation Educational Conference

## April 10-11, 2025

### A TRIP AROUND THE W.C. WORLD



THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 2025

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	<b>PREFLIGHT CHECK-IN: BOARDING PASSES &amp; BREAKFAST</b>	West PreFunction
<b>GENERAL SESSION</b>		
9:00 am – 10:30 AM	<b>EARN YOUR WINGS IN COMP.: LITIGATING MATTERS INVOLVING QUASI-PUBLIC AGENCIES</b> <i>Joseph F. Penza, Jr., Esquire, Founding Partner, Olenn &amp; Penza LLP, Warwick, Rhode Island; Michael A. St. Pierre, Esquire, Revens, Revens, St. Pierre &amp; Wyllie, P.C., Warwick, Rhode Island; Jeffrey M. Liptrot, Esquire, Partner, Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard &amp; Smith LLP Providence, Rhode Island; Nicholas Mancini, Esquire, Mancini Law, LLC, Cranston, Rhode Island</i> <b>Moderator</b> – The Honorable <b>Michael J. Feeney</b> , State of Rhode Island Workers' Compensation Court	Ballroom B/C
10:30 AM - 10:45 AM	<b>LAYOVER WITH EXHIBITORS</b>	West PreFunction
10:45 AM - 12:00 PM	<b>PUT YOUR MSA ON AUTOPILOT: PROFESSIONALLY ADMINISTERED MEDICARE SET ASIDES</b> <i>John V. Cattie, Jr., Esquire, Managing Attorney, Cattie &amp; Gonzalez, PLLC, Charlotte, NC; John Cascione, Esquire, Coia &amp; Lepore, Ltd., Providence, Rhode Island, Joelle Hays, Esquire, Partner, Morrison Mahoney LLP, Providence, Rhode Island</i> <b>Moderator</b> – The Honorable <b>Keith A. Cardoza, Jr.</b> , State of Rhode Island Workers' Compensation Court	Ballroom B/C
12:00 PM - 1:30 PM	<b>CONFERENCE LUNCHEON FEATURING A NOTABLE EVENT</b>	Jr. Ballroom
1:30 PM - 2:30 PM	<b>DON YOUR JUMPSUIT: PARACHUTE INTO WACKY CASES</b> <i>Wesley G. Marshall, Chairman, Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission</i> <b>Moderator</b> – The Honorable <b>Alfredo T. Conte</b> , State of Rhode Island Workers' Compensation Court	Ballroom B/C
2:30 PM - 2:45 PM	<b>FLIGHT DELAY: BREAK WITH EXHIBITORS</b>	West PreFunction
2:45 PM - 4:00 PM	<b>GET MEDICAL CLEARANCE: DON'T BE GROUNDED BY A SHOULDER INJURY! Scott Paxton, MD, University Orthopedics, Inc., Providence, Rhode Island</b> <b>Moderator</b> – The Honorable Steven A. Minicucci, State of Rhode Island Workers' Compensation Court	Ballroom B/C

THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 2025

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

**BREAKOUTS (Select A or B)**

- A. **MEET YOUR FLIGHT CREW: FLY ACROSS COUNTRY THROUGH A WORKERS' COMPENSATION CASE WITH THE EXPERTS!** Ballroom B/C  
*The Honorable Robert M. Ferrieri, Chief Judge, State of Rhode Island Workers' Compensation Court; The Honorable Wesley G. Marshall, Chairman, Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission; The Honorable Marc Grodsky, Supervising Law Judge, NYC Workers' Compensation Board; The Honorable John Barrett, Administrative Judge, The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Industrial Accidents*  
**Moderator** – *The Honorable Kevin B. Reall, State of Rhode Island Workers' Compensation Court*
- B. **FLIGHT TRACKER: FIND THE BLACK BOX INVESTIGATION OF CLAIMS WITH SURVEILLANCE & SOCIAL MEDIA** 554AB  
**Brandon Lowe**, Cumberland, Private Detective, Interstate Investigations, Inc., Rhode Island; **Richard Lento**, Sr. Claims Level III Representative, The Beacon Mutual Insurance Company, Warwick, Rhode Island; **Michele M. Pedus**, Claims Specialist III, The Beacon Mutual Insurance Company, Warwick, Rhode Island  
**Moderator** – *The Honorable Moira E. Reynolds, State of Rhode Island Workers' Compensation Court*

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

**TAKE FLIGHT WITH COMPLIMENTARY BEVERAGE SERVICE! NETWORKING RECEPTION**

West PreFunction

FRIDAY, APRIL 11, 2025

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM

**BOARDING AND BREAKFAST**

West PreFunction

### GENERAL SESSION

9:00 AM - 9:50 AM

**MAKE YOUR CONNECTION WITH THE CHIEF JUDGE ROBERT F. ARRIGAN REHABILITATION CENTER**

Ballroom B/C

**FCES NEW ADVANCES IN PHYSICAL THERAPY**

**Kayla Villegas**, Acting Administrator, Rehabilitation Unit, Chief Judge Robert F. Arrigan Center; **Mark Wurster**, PT, Chief Judge Robert F. Arrigan Center; **Ian Barlow**, Occupational Therapist, MBA, OTR/L, CHT, Chief Judge Robert F. Arrigan Center; **Moderator** – The Honorable **Moira E. Reynolds**, State of Rhode Island Workers' Compensation Court

9:50 AM - 10:00 AM

**REFUELING WITH EXHIBITORS**

West PreFunction

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

**BREAKOUTS (Select A or B)**

A. **DON'T CRASH & BURN: NAVIGATING ETHICS**

Ballroom B/C

**Kerry Reilley Travers**, Esquire, Chief Disciplinary Counsel, Rhode Island Supreme Court; **Moderator** – The Honorable **Robert E. Hardman**, State of Rhode Island Workers' Compensation Court

B. **COME FLY WITH ME: THROUGH A WORKERS' COMPENSATION CLAIM FROM HUMAN RESOURCES TO COURT**

554AB

**Kathy M. McElroy**; RI Department of Labor & Training; Cranston, Rhode Island; **Jacqueline Parrillo**, BSN, RN, COHN-S, Employee and Occupational Health Services, Brown University Health  
**Moderator** – The Honorable **Susan Pepin Fay**, State of Rhode Island Workers' Compensation Court

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