

SEPTEMBER 1-2 | SAN MARCOS

2026 TEXAS WORKERS' COMPENSATION CONFERENCE

NAVIGATING THE PATH:
FROM BASICS TO MASTERY

The 2026 Texas Workers' Compensation Conference *Navigating the Path: From Basics to Mastery* offers a dual-track format designed to support both newcomers to the field and seasoned professionals looking to deepen their expertise.

Join us for a range of topics that will highlight current trends and issues to look out for in the future.

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REGISTRATION FEES:

- **\$550** per person on or before **June 30, 2026**, and **\$600** per person after that date. Includes conference materials, reception, breakfast, lunch, refreshments, and access to the exhibitor hall. Hotel accommodations not included.

EXHIBITOR FEES:

- **\$1,200** includes a six-foot draped table with two chairs and registration for two exhibitor representatives.

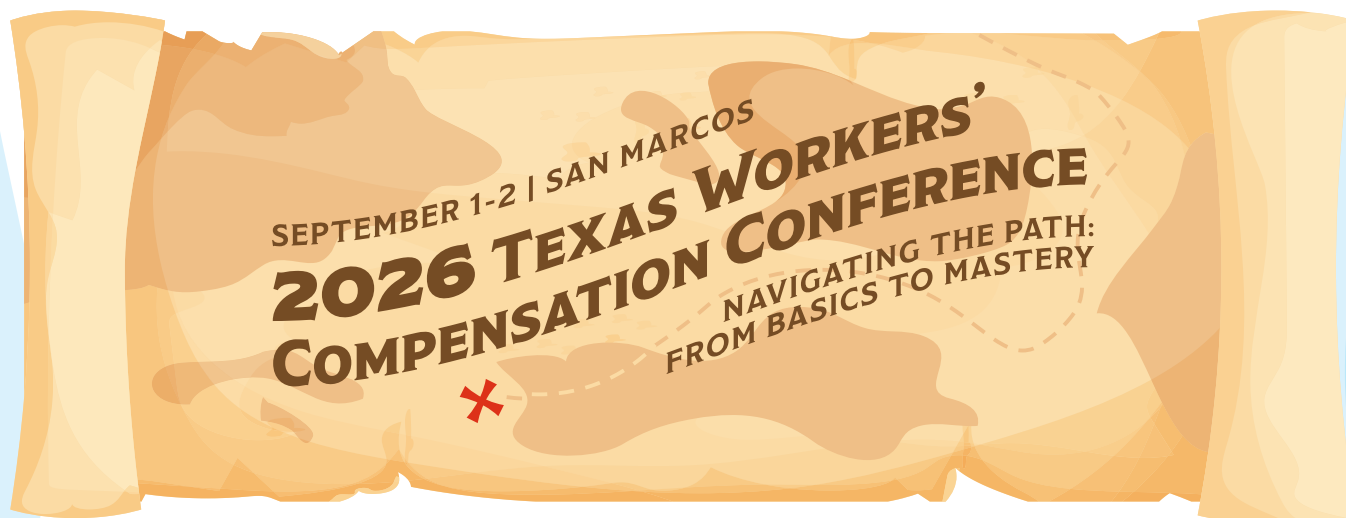
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CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Conference registration includes all sessions and conference materials. Contact IWCF at CompConference@IWCF.us for additional conference registration information. Please submit a separate registration with a unique email address for each conference participant or attendee.

CANCELLATION: Cancellation without notice is subject to full forfeiture of registration fee. Cancellation with notice after 5 p.m., August 14, 2026, is subject to a \$50 administrative fee.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Room blocks and group rates are limited. Participants should make hotel reservations as soon as possible. Contact the hotel for early departure and cancellation fees. Ask for the **Texas Workers' Compensation Conference at Embassy Suites San Marcos**. This is the code for reservations.

Embassy Suites: 1001 E. McCarty Lane, San Marcos, TX 78666 | Phone: 800-362-2779

Reservations: <https://bit.ly/4tcBP2X> or call 800-362-2779

Conference Room Rate: \$169/night (single or double)

Conference Room Rate Deadline: August 1, 2026

CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS

Application is pending for up to **eight hours** of Texas CLE credit for attorneys, TDI continuing education credit for insurance adjusters, SHRM credit for human resources professionals, and CDMS and CCM credits for rehabilitation providers. **Adjusters must provide insurance-related license number at the time of registration.** Insurance adjusters must attend every session in a half-day to earn credit for that period. A certificate of attendance is provided for other professional disciplines.

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Day 1: Tuesday, September 1, 2026

Special Pre-Conference Session - 11 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Workers' Comp 101
Stephanie Saldana

Registration - 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Opening Remarks & Welcome - 12:30 p.m. - 12:40 p.m.
Commissioner Jeff Nelson

General Session - 12:40 p.m. - 1:40 p.m.

Taking Care of Injured Employees (and Your Budget):
Why the "Nice" Claims Cost Less
Melissa Steger & Stuart Colburn

Break - 1:40 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Breakout Sessions - 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Preparing WCI Data to Prevent Future Claims
John DeLaHunt

Building Blocks of Ethics
Anastasia Settle

Break - 3:00 p.m. - 3:20 p.m.

Breakout Sessions - 3:20 p.m. - 4:20 p.m.

Elevating Data Quality: How DWC uses EDI to Improve Service
Martha Luevano

Provider Fraud Schemes and Trends
Gordon Oard

Welcome Reception - 4:20 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Day 2: Wednesday, September 2, 2026

Registration - 8 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

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

Regulator Roundtable: Key Updates from DWC
Commissioner Jeff Nelson, Gerri Thomas,
Erica De La Cruz, Dan LaBruyere & Mary Landrum

Day 2: Wednesday, September 2, 2026

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Break - 9:30 a.m. - 9:50 a.m.

Breakout Sessions - 9:50 a.m. - 10:50 a.m.

The Rise of Boutique Pharmaceuticals
Julie Black & Courtney Deck

AMA Guides in Practice: How Rating Outcomes Differ
Between the 4th and 6th Editions
Dr. Mark Melhorn

Break - 10:50 a.m. - 11:10 a.m.

Breakout Sessions - 11:10 a.m. - 12:10 p.m.

Reel Ethics: Exploring Behavioral Boundaries
in Workers' Compensation
Kara Mace, John Molinar, Dan LaBruyere & Fabiola Flores

AMA Guides in Practice: How Rating Outcomes Differ
Between the 4th and 6th Editions *(Repeat)*
Dr. Mark Melhorn

Lunch - 12:10 p.m. - 1:10 p.m.

Dessert with Vendors - 1:10 p.m. - 1:40 p.m.

Breakout Sessions - 1:45 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.

Legislative and Case Law Update
Jennifer Hopens & Mitchell Koers

Elevating Data Quality: How DWC uses EDI to Improve Service *(Repeat)*
Martha Luevano

Break - 2:45 p.m. - 3:05 p.m.

Breakout Sessions - 3:05 p.m. - 4:05 p.m.

All About OSHA: Mission, Enforcement,
Inspection Process, Outreach
Monica Camacho

Top Ten Subrogation Mistakes Workers' Compensation
Carriers Should Avoid
Matthew Greider & Gary Wickert

NOTE: This agenda is not final. Sessions may change.



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CONFERENCE ATTENDEE REGISTRATION

\$550 • Registration ON or BEFORE June 30, 2026

\$600 • Registration AFTER June 30, 2026



There are two ways to register:

1. Register online:

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Exhibitor assumes entire responsibility and hereby agrees to protect, indemnify, defend, save, and hold harmless the IWCF and its employees and agents, Chelsea Place Meetings and its employees and agents, the State of Texas, and the Embassy Suites San Marcos 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 Embassy Suites San Marcos and their employees and agents, Chelsea Place Meetings and its employees and agents, as well as the IWCF, its members, employees, agents and the State of Texas.

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Signature: _____

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