



Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission
**EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE
& EXHIBITION**

October 20-21, 2026

2026 WORKERS' COMPENSATION CONFERENCE

Catch up on the latest trends in workers' comp, policies in workplace safety, claims handling, dispute resolution, medical treatment and new challenges in the industry.

REGISTRATION FEES

- \$450 per person on or before August 31, 2026
- \$500 per person after early bird deadline
 - Please note: A 3% convenience fee will be added to credit/debit card transactions.
- Fee includes conference materials, reception, breakfast, lunch, refreshments and access to the exhibitor area.
- Hotel accommodations not included.

EXHIBITOR FEES

- \$1,250, includes six-foot draped table, two chairs, and registration for two exhibitor representatives.

SPONSORSHIP FEES

- **\$1,000 Gold Sponsorship:** Includes one complimentary attendee registration. Company name and logo will appear in the conference program, on the conference app and on "Thank You Sponsor" signs in the exhibit area.
- **\$500 Silver Sponsorship:** Company name and logo will be displayed on the conference app and on "Thank You Sponsor" signs in the exhibit area.
- **Event Sponsorship:** Fee variable. Gold level inclusions with two complimentary attendee registrations. Available for reception, breakfast, breaks and lunch. Contact IWCF for options.

- Register at workcompevent.com/virginia
- Commonwealth of Virginia employees, [Contact the IWCF](#) for state employee registration instructions.

The International Workers' Compensation Foundation (IWCF, FEIN #35-1737364) is a non-profit corporation dedicated to workers' compensation education and outreach.



LEARN & COLLABORATE

Join us!

OCTOBER 20-21, 2026
GREATER RICHMOND CONVENTER CENTER
403 N. 3rd Street, Richmond, VA 23219

CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS

Attendees may be eligible for Continuing Education Credits (CEU) for conference participation. CEU applications are pending for approval in the following disciplines: Rehab providers (CEU's for CDMS and CCM), attorneys (MCLE), insurance producers (agents and brokers), and human resources professionals (SHRM).

PARKING

Visit richmondcenter.com for directions, parking rates and center details.

LODGING

Get a conference group rate of \$181 (single/double) per night at the Hilton Richmond Downtown.

Reserve the group rate [here](#) by September 19th or call the hotel at 877-257-1032 and reference the VWC Conference.

The Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission and the International Workers' Compensation Foundation are jointly sponsoring this educational conference, which is unique in Virginia.

The goal of this conference is to educate all those who participate in the Virginia workers' compensation system regarding current rules, procedures, policies and forms, and to provide an opportunity for dialogue among these participants.

Breakout sessions will be utilized to discuss certain topics in detail for a more specialized view, while other topics will be presented from a more general perspective.

All employers, insurance adjusters, self-insurers, third party administrators, safety and human resource managers, plaintiff's and defense attorneys, health care providers, mediators, and medical and vocational rehabilitation providers are encouraged to attend. Anyone interested in the workers' compensation system in Virginia will receive valuable information at the conference.

Materials will be available to download from the free conference app. Attire is business-casual.

Net proceeds, 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.

For questions, contact IWCF:

Phone (386) 677-0041 • Fax (386) 677-0155 • Email: compconference@iwcf.us

Schedule

DAY 1

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2026				
12:30-12:45	Welcome Session - Grand Ballroom A			
12:45-1:45	Case Law & Statutory Update: <i>VWC Commissioners</i> - Grand Ballroom A			
2:15-3:15	Surgery with Live Narration: <i>Herzog</i> - Grand Ballroom A			
3:45-4:45	Control Freaks: Employee or Independent Contractor? Miller, Marshall	Cultural Diversity: An Ethics Perspective Wilberding	Beyond the Claim: The Human Behind the Injury (Repeat) Morgan	Addressing Return-to-Work Concerns After Traumatic Brain Injury (Repeat) Larson
4:45-6:00	EVENING RECEPTION - GRAND BALLROOM BC			
Network  Unwind				

DAY 2

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2026				
8:30 - 9:30	Ombuds: A Day in the Life D'Angelo, Amoroso, Forsythe	Psychological Treatment of Chronic Pain (Repeat) Martin	CMS Audits - How to Defend Against Civil Monetary Penalties! Allan	Cell Health Optimization to Promote Healing & Job Performance (Repeat) DePalma
9:45 - 10:45	How Data Centers, Apps & AI Impact Comp Hearings Laundau	Medical Fee Services 360° (Repeat) Thompson	Electrical Injuries: A Shocking Update Zasler	Rethinking Neck & Back Injuries Glick
11:00 - 12:00	Meditation/Mindfulness Session Martin	Medical Fee Services 360° (Repeat) Thompson	Successful Strategies for Navigating CMS Updates Shymanski	Addressing Return-to-Work Concerns After Traumatic Brain Injury (Repeat) Larson
12:00-1:00	Lunch			
1:00 - 2:00	MSP: What Works and Where AI Fits Pigeon	Thank You for Holding: An Evolution of Comp Wilson	Beyond the Claim: The Human Behind the Injury (Repeat) Morgan	From Injury to MMI: A Hand Surgeon's Roadmap (Repeat) Galpern
2:15 - 3:15	Managing Imposter Syndrome to Thrive in the Legal Profession Mardigian	Thank You for Holding: An Evolution of Comp (Repeat) Wilson	Beyond the Claim: The Human Behind the Injury (Repeat) Morgan	From Injury to MMI: A Hand Surgeon's Roadmap (Repeat) Galpern
3:30 - 4:30	Emotional Intelligence in Ethical & Competent Lawyering Mardigian	Psychological Treatment of Chronic Pain (Repeat) Martin	Successful Strategies for Navigating CMS Updates (Repeat) Shymanski	Cell Health Optimization to Promote Healing & Job Performance (Repeat) DePalma

[LEARN MORE: View the 2026 Course Catalog and meet the presenters](#)

Materials

Conference materials will be available to download at the start of the conference.
*Note: Please be sure the email address used at conference registration is direct/unique to avoid issues accessing the conference materials. If you have trouble accessing the materials, representatives will be available to assist you at the conference.

Dress Code

Business casual clothing is appropriate for all events.

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Registration

Attendees

Conference Rate:

- Early Bird Rate: **\$450**, on or before August 31, 2026
Registration Rate: **\$500** per person after early bird deadline
- Please note: A 3% convenience fee will be added to credit/debit card transactions.

Conference registration includes conference sessions, materials, access to exhibit hall, continental breakfast, evening reception, refreshments, and luncheon. Hotel cost is not included in conference registration fee.

Register Online:

Visit workcompevent.com/virginia.

Pay By Check:

- To pay by check, you may either
 - begin the online registration as above, but select "Pay by Check." Mail the check to IWCF: 570 Memorial Circle, Suite 320, Ormond Beach, FL 32174. (Be sure to include the attendee's name and "VWC Conference" in the note section,) or
 - complete the written registration form below and mail the completed form and check to IWCF at the address above.

Checks only

Attendee Name: _____
(Please PRINT name as you wish it to appear at the conference.)

Business Name: _____**Title:** _____

Address: _____

City: _____**State:** _____**Zip:** _____

Telephone _____**Unique Email:** _____

Area of Interest:

☐ Employer ☐ Employee ☐ Insurer ☐ Attorney

☐ Health Care Provider ☐ Other

Checks only

Cancellation Policy: Cancellation must be made before 5:00 pm on October 10, 2026. Substitution of personnel is recommended in lieu of cancelation after that date. The full registration fee will be forfeited if you fail to attend or cancel in a timely manner.

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.

Lodging: Conference group rate is \$181 per night at the Hilton Downtown Richmond. Reserve the group rate [here](#) by September 19th. If you have questions, please call the hotel at 877-257-1032.

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EXHIBITOR & SPONSOR
REGISTRATION

Attention Exhibitors:

\$1,250 fee includes two (2) complimentary conference registrations for exhibitor representatives, one 6' draped table and two chairs.

Space is offered on a first come, first served basis and will only be reserved upon our receipt of your registration. You may register online, or if paying by check, fax this form to (386) 677-0155 or email it to compconference@iwcf.us. For more information regarding exhibit area, contact IWCF at (386) 677-0041. Booth set-up will be Tuesday, October 20, 2026, from 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM. Tear-down will be Wednesday, October 21, 2026, at 3:30 PM.

Refreshment breaks, breakfast, lunch, and the evening reception will be held in the Exhibition area. 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), employees and agents, Chelsea Place Meetings and its employees and agents, Greater Richmond Convention Center and the Hilton Richmond Downtown 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 Greater Richmond Convention Center and Hilton Richmond Downtown and their 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 Greater Richmond Convention Center and Hilton Richmond Downtown, 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 set forth in the foregoing paragraphs hereof, in an amount not less than \$1,000,000.00 combined single limit for personal injury and property damage. Greater Richmond Convention Center and Hilton Richmond Downtown, Chelsea Place Meetings and the IWCF shall be included in such policies as additionally named insureds for this convention only.

Auth. Signature: _____

Date: _____

Sponsorship Opportunity:

- Sponsorship Levels:**
- Silver: \$500 Contribution**
- Organization name and logo will appear on a large "Thank You Sponsor" sign in exhibit area
 - Organization name and logo will appear in the conference app
- Gold: \$1,000 Contribution**
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- Event: Fee Variable**
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Registration Details:

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Check Category Which Applies:

☐ EXHIBITOR and/or ☐ SPONSORSHIP

☐ Silver ☐ Gold ☐ Event

Company Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

Fax: _____

Unique Email: _____

Exhibitors and Gold Sponsors Only:

Comp Registrant #1: _____

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Unique Email: _____

Comp Registrant #2: _____

Title: _____

Unique Email: _____

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