

**The Twenty-Eighth Annual  
California DWC Workers' Compensation  
Educational Conference**



**Wednesday - Friday  
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**Virtual Conference**



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As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the California DWC Workers' Compensation Educational Conference will be held in 2021 as a purely *virtual* event. Although the format is new, the same informative content will be offered, along with continuing education credits and a virtual exhibit hall with displays by service providers.

The initial scheduled presentation of each session (pre-recorded) will be immediately followed by a period of live Q&A with the presenter(s). For the convenience of attendees, sessions will also be available to view on-demand after the initial presentation and continuing through April 9.

The goal of this conference is to educate those who participate in the California workers' compensation system regarding current rules, procedures, policies and forms and to provide an opportunity for dialogue among these participants. The presenters include the Administrative Director, DWC Judges and Senior Staff, and outside experts.

## WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

All attorneys, employers, claims professionals, medical providers, mediators and medical and vocational rehabilitation providers are encouraged to attend. Anyone interested in the workers' compensation system in California will receive valuable information at the conference.

## CONTINUING EDUCATION UNITS

CEU applications are pending for approval before these organizations:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> CCM      | <input type="checkbox"/> CDMS                 | <input type="checkbox"/> CRC  | <input type="checkbox"/> DWC Medical Unit (QME) |
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*Certificate of completion available for other professional disciplines.*

## ACCESS TO CONTENT

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### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24, 2021

8:00 - 9:00 AM **LOG IN / VISIT 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 **Concurrent Break-Out Sessions (choose I of II)**

#### I. DWC Update

*George Parisotto, Administrative Director, Division of Workers' Compensation*

#### II. Apportionment, Part 1

*Ray Correio, Senior Associate. Pearlman, Brown & Wax, LLP  
Steven Feinberg, M.D.*

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; Anthony Corso, Workers' Compensation Judge*

#### II. Apportionment, Part 2

*Ray Correio, Senior Associate. Pearlman, Brown & Wax  
Steven Feinberg, M.D.*

12:15 - 12:45 PM **BREAK / VISIT VIRTUAL EXHIBIT HALL**  
12:45 - 1:45 PM **Concurrent Break-Out Sessions (choose I of II)**

#### I. Substantial Medical Evidence

*Nicole Richardson, QME Discipline Attorney, Division of Workers' Compensation; Winslow West, QME Discipline Attorney, Division of Workers' Compensation; Michael Post, M.D., Co-Founder and Chief Medical Officer, RehabOne Medical Group, Los Gatos, CA*

#### II. Tips from the Medical Directors

*Ray Meister, M.D., Executive Medical Director, DWC; Rajiv Das, M.D., M.P.H., Medical Director, Safeway/VONS/Albertsons Risk Management Department; Rupali Das, Senior Vice President and California Medical Director, Zenith Insurance Company; Ofer Eibschutz, Chief of Occupational Medicine, Kaiser Permanente, San Rafael Medical Center, and Director of Workers' Compensation, KP Northern California*

### THURSDAY, MARCH 25, 2021

9:00 - 9:45 AM **LOG IN / VISIT EXHIBIT HALL**  
9:45 - 10:45 AM **Concurrent Break-Out Sessions (choose I of II)**

#### I. Medical School for Claims Examiners & Attorneys, Part 1

*Steven Feinberg, M.D.; Sana Khan, M.D., Ph.D.*

#### II. Case Law Update, Part 1

*Paige Levy, Chief Judge, Division of Workers' Compensation; Mark Kahn, Attorney, Altman, Lunche & 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. Medical School for Claims Examiners & Attorneys, Part 2**  
*Steven Feinberg, M.D.; Sana Khan, M.D., Ph.D.*

#### II. Case Law Update, Part 2

*Paige Levy, Chief Judge, Division of Workers' Compensation; Mark Kahn, 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. Strategies in Permanent Disability Rating

*Barry Knight, Disability Unit Manager, Division of Workers' Compensation*

#### II. WCAB: Commissioner's Update

*Katherine Zalewski, Chair, WCAB; Craig Snellings, Commissioner, WCAB; Anne Schmitz, Secretary and Deputy Commissioner, WCAB*

### FRIDAY, MARCH 26, 2021

9:00 - 9:45 AM **LOG IN / VISIT EXHIBIT HALL**  
9:45 - 10:45 AM **Concurrent Break-Out Sessions (choose I of II)**

#### I. California Labor Commissioner and Cal/OSHA: Guiding Workers and Employers through the Pandemic

*Dan Leimer, Area Manager, San Fernando Valley Cal/OSHA Consultation Services, DOSH; David Balter, Assistant Chief Counsel, DIR Division of Labor Standards Enforcement (DLSE)*

#### II. Women in Law & Business

*Paige Levy, Chief Judge, Division of Workers' Compensation; Yvonne Lang, Partner, Pearlman, Brown & Wax, LLP; Nikki Mebrpoo Jacobson, Attorney & Professor of Law, West Los Angeles College*

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. AB5: Who's Employing Me Now?

*Robert Rassp, Presiding Judge, WCAB Los Angeles District Office; Eric Ledger, Workers' Compensation Judge, Oakland District Office*

#### II. Working Together: Claims Examiners & Provider

*Steven Feinberg, M.D.; William (Bill) Zachry  
Matt O'Shea, Legislative Specialist and Hearing Representative, Albertsons Holdings*

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12:45 - 1:45 PM **Concurrent Break-Out Sessions (choose I of II)**

#### I. WCIRB: COVID-19 Workers' Compensation Cost Impacts - Current Update

*David Bellusci, Executive Vice President and Chief Actuary, Workers' Compensation Insurance Rating Bureau of California*

#### II. Virtual Litigation

*Saul Allweiss, Law Offices of Allweiss, McMurtry & Mitchell; Nikki Mebrpoo Jacobson, Attorney & Professor of Law, West Los Angeles College; Colleen Casey, Workers' Compensation Judge, Division of Workers' Compensation; Jason Marcus, Attorney, Marcus, Regalado, Marcus & Pulley*



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**ATTENTION EXHIBITORS**

Fee of \$1,000 includes:

- 24/7 access to your virtual booth from Mar. 24 - Apr. 9, 2021
- Customized look to fit your branding, including your company logo
- Opportunity to capture leads when attendees visit your booth
- Conference prize drawing for attendees who visit the most booths
- Attract visitors by offering prize drawings at your booth
- Welcome attendees to your booth with a pre-recorded video that runs when they visit
- Interact with conference attendees via real-time chat sessions
- Ability to contact conference attendees electronically
- Each session concludes with reminder to visit the exhibit hall
- Access to conference sessions for 1 company representative
- Register additional attendees at earlybird rate

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- Sponsor logos displayed on the conference platform home page
- One complimentary attendee registration
- Register additional attendees at earlybird rate

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1. **Payment by Credit Card** (MasterCard, VISA or American Express) - go to [www.iwcf.us/iwcfevents.html](http://www.iwcf.us/iwcfevents.html) and click on link to Register Online under CALIFORNIA. *(Credit Cards Only)*
2. **Payment by Check** Complete, copy and return this form, along with a check made payable to the IWCF (International Workers' Compensation Foundation, Inc.) and mail to IWCF, 570 Memorial Circle, Suite 320, Ormond Beach, FL 32174.

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Registration Fees: \$275.00 per person paid on or before February 28, 2021  
\$325.00 per person paid after February 28, 2021

For registrations received after 2 p.m. (eastern) on March 23, 2021, instructions will be emailed on the next business day.  
Two registration options are available.

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**CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS** - Application will be made for California Attorney MCLE, Legal Specialization, IEA CPDM, SHRM CE, Rehabilitation CRC/CDMS/CCM credits; and DWC Medical Unit QME. Any other discipline will be provided, upon request, with a certificate of completion.

**CANCELLATION REFUND POLICY** - Cancellation without notice (no-show) subject to full forfeiture of registration fee. Cancellation with notice after 5:00 p.m. (eastern) on March 12, 2021, subject to \$50 administrative fee. Substitution of attendee is recommended in lieu of cancellation after that date. **NO GROUP RATES.**

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Net proceeds from this event, 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.

