

GETAWAY C.L.E. PRESENTS - ADVANCED OHIO WORKERS' COMPENSATION SEMINAR

Thursday, August 27, 2020 – Live Interactive Webinar

8:25 – 8:30 a.m. Moderator -- Opening Remarks (Overview of the Seminar).

8:30 – 9:15 **Kevin R. Abrams, Esq. – BWC Chief Operating Officer**
BWC Updates in the new Coronavirus Era.

A discussion of the newest updates at the BWC due to the Coronavirus and its impact on the workers' compensation system in Ohio. Revised developments and policies necessitated by the parameters imposed due to the restraints caused by BWC employees working from home. Additional issues regarding the direction taken and results realized by the administration at the BWC.

9:15 – 9:25 **Break.**

9:25 – 10:55 **Jonathan E. Coughlan, Esq.**

Professional Conduct relating specifically to Workers' Compensation Practitioners.

A discussion of various ethical issues that can particularly affect workers' compensation practitioners (both claimants' and employers' perspectives) based on the Ohio Rules of Professional Conduct. An in-depth examination of the proper methods, if any, of addressing: Fee contracts (including hybrid contracts); Fee sharing; Various methods of solicitation; Advertising; Social Media; and dealing with problematic clients from all parties' viewpoints, while following the analysis of the Supreme Court's Aspirational Ideals. Additional issues considered will be the subject of loans to clients (or assisting clients in completing paperwork for loan companies that the client has contacted personally), and specific issues regarding I.O.L.T.A. Accounts for workers' compensation practitioners, including the limited use of POAs for depositing checks. Finally, the appropriate steps to take if and when contacted by the Supreme Court's Office of Disciplinary Counsel.

10:55 – 11:05 **Break.**

11:05 – 12:05 p.m. **Robert M. Trivisonno, A.R.M., G.B.A., C.M.S.P.**

Maximizing the Retention of Proceeds from a Workers' Compensation Settlement.

A thorough discussion of the ramifications and subsequent accounting for Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, and other disability benefits when settling workers' compensation cases. An exploration of how these benefits interact and how to correctly allocate and address these so as to protect all parties and maximize benefits when settlement of workers' compensation cases is undertaken.

12:05 – 12:35 **Lunch (On your own).**

12:35 – 1:20 **Stephen Altic, D.O.**

Permanent Partial Examinations for BWC Claims.

A simulated permanent partial examination (C-92) of an injured worker that would be used when applying for workers' compensation benefits under R.C. 4123.57. The exam will be done with and without utilizing the A.M.A. Guidelines (R.O.M. vs. D.R.E. methods). The benefits and drawbacks of both will be explained. An explanation of the importance of the details of a C-92 exam, such as the history of the injury, current complaints, treatment regimen, functional limitations, and present impairment levels. The proper method of measuring a loss of range of motion and the specific instruments used.

1:20– 1:30 **Break.**

1:30 -- 3:00 **Jonathan H. Goodman, Esq.**

Case Law Review

An extensive review of workers' compensation case law, including the most recent updates affecting the practice from both injured workers' and employers' perspectives. Supreme Court Cases and noteworthy Appellate Court Cases will be examined in light of recent emerging trends.

3:00 – 3:30 **Jonathan H. Goodman, Esq.**

The Use of the O.D.G. Guidelines in Workers' Compensation Cases.

Pursuant to Ohio Administrative Code 4123-6, the use of the Official Disability Guidelines (ODG) by the BWC and MCOs to determine return-to-work guidelines and the necessity and/or effectiveness of medical care will be reviewed. An analysis of the true effectiveness of the ODG to resolve medical disputes and the ensuing medical treatment decision-making in workers' compensation cases.