

**GETAWAY C.L.E. - with RIK WILLIGER - PRESENTS**

**ADVANCED OHIO WORKERS' COMPENSATION SEMINAR**

**FRI. & SAT., MAY 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022 - TROPICANA HOTEL - LAS VEGAS, NEVADA**

**FRI. – May 20<sup>th</sup>**

- 7:30 – 7:45 a.m.**            **Registration / Continental Breakfast (Provided)**
- 7:45 – 8:00 a.m.**            **Welcoming Remarks – Overview of the Seminar – Rik Williger, Esq.**
- 8:00 – 8:45 a.m.**            **Steven Cremer, M.D.**  
*Does the Workers' Compensation System make the Patient Sicker? and Pearls of Wisdom from the A.M.A. Guidelines*  
An understanding of how the Workers' Compensation System actually can worsen an injured worker's condition and overall well-being. Treatment regimens, approval delays, specific guidelines under the O.D.G., along with diagnoses parameters and the resultant problems they may pose for an injured worker in Ohio. Also, little known aspects from the A.M.A. Guidelines that offer insight to its application in workers' compensation cases.
- 8:45 – 9:30 a.m.**            **Jonathan Goodman, Esq.**  
*Voluntary Abandonment under the newly enacted Statutory Amendment*  
A detailed review of the newly enacted Statute regarding Voluntary Abandonment and its implications for temporary total disability compensation in workers' compensation cases. Also, an examination of this given R.C. 4123.56 and recent Court Decisions applying the same.
- 9:30 – 9:45 a.m.**            **Break.**
- 9:45 – 10:45 a.m.**            **Rik Williger, Esq.**  
*Refocusing your Workers Comp Practice*  
Legal considerations when considering retirement or other modifications of your practice when phasing out.
- 10:45 – 11:45 a.m.**            **David Kovach, Esq.**  
*Trial Considerations in Workers' Compensation Cases*  
A review of a workers' compensation R.C. 4123.512 Court Appeal given new parameters by various Common Pleas Courts. An analysis of how to evaluate whether to pursue a .512 court appeal. Preparation for and eventual trial proceedings, including: Interrogatories, depositions, expert testimony, exhibits, dispositive motions, jury instructions, and actual trial strategies will be explored. Additional issues will be reviewed including voir dire, jury selection, and jury versus bench trials.
- 11:45 – 12:00 p.m.**            **Break.**
- 12:00 – 12:45 p.m.**            **Carley Kranstuber, Esq.**  
*Benefits of Technology in a Workers' Compensation Practice*  
The benefits of utilizing technology versus a total "paper office", from the inception of a Claim through hearings and follow-up. New trends including E-Signatures, Statute of Limitations Reminders, BWC/IC Forms, etc. will be explored along with Social Media.
- 12:45 p.m.**                    **Adjournment.**

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- 7:30 – 7:45 a.m.**      **Registration / Coffee - Refreshments (Provided)**
- 7:45 – 8:00 a.m.**      **Welcome Back Remarks – Overview of the Seminar - Rik Williger, Esq.**
- 8:00 -- 9:00 a.m.**      **Donato J. Borillo, J.D., M.D.**  
***Marijuana in Workers’ Compensation Cases***  
A discussion of various medical marijuana concerns in Ohio Workers’ Compensation Claims. Reviewing the medical and legal implications that medical marijuana will have on Workplaces and workplace injuries in Ohio. The implications of Hemp, Cannabinoids, Flavonoids, and THC on the Workers’ Compensation System in Ohio.
- 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.**      **Mary Beth Ulm, Esq.**  
***Updates on Case Law and Pending Legislation***  
An exploration of workers’ compensation case law including recent decisions and their impact on both injured workers and employers in Ohio. A discussion of changing trends in established law in various workers’ compensation issues. A look into pending legislation and its potential impact on the system.
- 10:00 – 10:15 a.m.**      **Break.**
- 10:15 -- 11:15 a.m.**      **William D. Evans II, Esq.**  
***Evaluation of Body Language in Workers’ Compensation Hearings / Court Proceedings***  
Understanding body language and its strategic use in workers’ compensation hearings. An evaluation of various body “cues” of opponents, witnesses, and presenting counsel when dealing with Zoom telephonic hearings, in-person administrative hearings, as well as Depositions and other facets of Common Pleas Court proceedings. How to spot these non-verbal cues and their strategic use from employers’ and injured workers’ perspectives.
- 11:15 – 12:00 p.m.**      **Carley Kranstuber, Esq.**  
***Emotional Impact of Stressors on Workers’ Compensation Practitioners***  
An examination of the impact of investing “Emotional Labor” with Clients and Participants in the Workers’ Compensation Practice. Issues from various perspectives including Hearing Officers, Injured Workers’ Representatives, and Employer’s Representatives will be explored when looking at daily stressors encountered. Pitfalls to avoid and constructive means to manage oneself when dealing with all of the nuances encountered by workers’ compensation practitioners, including financial burdens, personal physical threats, and various other emotional issues. Balancing work pressures and practitioners’ well-being.
- 12:00 – 12:15 p.m.**      **Break.**
- 12:15 -- 1:15 p.m.**      **Donato J. Borillo, J.D., M.D..**  
***Understanding Anatomy for Workers’ Compensation Practitioners***  
A detailed instruction of the human anatomy for attorneys practicing in the area of workers’ compensation. Understanding the actual make-up of human physiology and its impact on workers’ injuries. Common misconceptions of how injuries can and cannot impact a worker from various forms of injuries and/or occupational diseases.
- 1:15 p.m.**                      **Adjournment.**