

Thursday, December 10

Session I

7:00am – 8:00am

Registration with Continental Breakfast

8:00am – 8:10am

Welcome from KWCEA

- William Faris, JD - President

8:10am – 9:10am

Annual Report from the Department of Workers' Claims

- Dwight Lovan, Esq. - Commissioner

DWC Commissioner Dwight Lovan discusses notable issues currently facing Kentucky workers' compensation stakeholders.

9:10am – 10:10am

Are Functional Restoration Programs the Answer?

- Katie McBee, DPT, PT, OCS

Multidisciplinary functional restoration programs are a critical way to address the chronic pain/biopsychosocial overlays presented in many workers' comp claimants. Katie McBee presents the latest scientific medical evidence on these treatment plans, and how they can restore functionality and minimize payouts in complex cases.

10:10am – 10:30am

Break with Exhibitors

10:30am – 12:30pm

Manage Your Files: Act Now or Pay Later

- Scott Brown, Esq.
- Johanna Ellison, Esq.
- Ring Ring Tsai, MD
- Melissa Stevens, JD - AIG Complex Claim Director
- Shane Searcy - Department of Workers' Claims

Best adjusting practices and early claim intervention can reduce workers' comp payouts and improve outcomes. This panel of experienced practitioners explains how litigation can be minimized and expenses reduced.

12:30pm – 1:30pm

Luncheon

1:30pm – 2:30pm

Settlements, Return to Work and Case Law Developments...Oh My!

- Michael Alvey, Esq. - Chairman, Workers' Compensation Board
- Robert Swisher, Esq. - Chief Administrative Law Judge
- Wayne Daub, Esq. - Plaintiff's Attorney
- Bonnie Hoskins, Esq. - Defense Attorney

Judges Mike Alvey and Robert Swisher, in conjunction with two of Kentucky's most experienced attorneys, Wayne Daub and Bonnie Hoskins, provide updates on the latest in case law developments. In addition, they bring their unique perspectives regarding RTW issues and the latest on settlement trends, enforcements and pitfalls.

2:30pm – 3:30pm

Uber World: Classification of Workers in the Freelance Economy

- Mark Bush, Esq.
- Stephanie Ross, Esq.

It is estimated that up to one-third of American workers participate in the "freelance/sharing" economy. Attorneys Mark Bush and Stephanie Ross explain the legal pitfalls regarding these new classifications.

3:30pm – 3:50pm

Break with Exhibitors

3:50pm – 4:50pm

Evidence-Based Medicine and Treatment Guidelines

- Russell Travis, MD - Neurological Surgeon

Neurosurgeon and KBML board member Dr. Russell Travis presents the rationale behind evidence-based medicine and the newest research particularly as it relates to the workers' compensation industry. In addition, he provides the latest on AMA guideline changes for attorneys and adjusters.

4:50pm – 5:00pm

Closing Comments

- William Faris, JD - President

5:00pm – 7:00pm

Complimentary Cocktails & Hors d'oeuvres and Silent Auction

Friday, December 11

Session II

7:00am – 7:50am

Registration with Continental Breakfast

7:50am – 8:00am

Welcome from KWCEA

- William Faris, JD - President

8:00am – 10:00am

ETHICS: The Ethical Implications of Using Social Media as an Investigative Tool

- Jane Rice Williams, Esq. - Administrative Law Judge
- Sherri Brown-Keller, Esq.
- James Fogle, Esq.

Judge Jane Rice Williams and practicing attorneys Sherri Brown-Keller and Jim Fogle bring their vast practical experience regarding ethical dilemmas that arise when using social media. Attorneys and adjusters have a variety of information to use as investigative tools. Distinguishing what's ethical and what's unethical is a constant and ever-changing question.

10:00am – 10:20am

Break with Exhibitors

10:20am – 11:20am

A Referral to Pain Management Doesn't Have to be a "Bad Thing"!

- Jeffrey Hazlewood, MD - Physiatrist, Assistant Medical Director of Tennessee Division of Workers' Compensation

Tennessee has made great strides in the effectiveness of pain management for both claimants and payors. Dr. Jeff Hazlewood brings his firsthand expertise from the trenches as to outcome improvement and pitfalls to avoid.

11:20am – 12:20pm

Tools to Limit Physician Dispensing and Urine Drug Screens

- Rosalie Faris, RN, BSN, CCM, COHN-S

Physician-dispensed prescriptions typically result in increased workers' comp indemnity expenses, as well as higher average medical costs. In addition, the expenses for urine drug screening are increasing dramatically with questionable results. Rosalie Faris explains how certified managed care plans, aggressive pharmacy utilization review, and the right types of urine drug screens can minimize your payouts.

12:20pm – 12:30pm

Closing Comments

- William Faris, JD - President