

## **Thursday, December 8**

## **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
- William Emrick, Esq. - Deputy Commissioner

*DWC Commissioner Dwight Lovan and Deputy Commissioner William Emrick discuss notable issues facing Kentucky workers' compensation stakeholders.*

**9:10am – 10:10am**

**Litigation Management System**

- Michael Alvey, Esq. - Chairman, Workers' Compensation Board
- Tessa Sollee Harris - Programmer/Analyst, Department of Workers' Claims

*Effective use of the web-based Litigation Management System will allow parties to file and manage claims electronically. The end result will be improved communication, more accurate information and enhanced work distribution.*

**10:10am – 10:30am**

**Break with Exhibitors**

**10:30am – 12:30pm**

**Medical Treatment Continuum**

- Moderator: Rosalie Faris, RN, BSN, CCM, COHN-S
- Orthopaedic Surgeon: Gregory Gleis, MD
- Physical Therapist: Chad Garvey, PT, DPT, OCS, FAAOMPT, CSCS

*Complex claims involve a multidisciplinary clinical effort. An experienced panel composed of an orthopaedic surgeon, physical therapist and nurse case manager will track workers' compensation cases from start to finish to enable stakeholders to better understand best medical practices.*

**12:30pm – 1:30pm**

**Luncheon**

**1:30pm – 2:30pm**

**Medical Marijuana Case Study – What's the Law in Kentucky?**

- Robert Swisher, Esq. - Chief Administrative Law Judge
- Patrick Collins, M.Ed.

*Ready or not, medical marijuana issues are coming to your jurisdiction and to your claimants. Chief ALJ Robert Swisher will discuss the state of medical marijuana legality in Kentucky, and Patrick Collins will share a personal case study of his family's experience with its use.*

**2:30pm – 3:30pm**

**Evidence-Based Medicine in Treatment Guidelines and Formularies**

- Kenneth Eichler - Work Loss Data Institute / ODG

*Official Disability Guidelines' mission is to apply evidence-based medicine to improve healthcare outcomes. These guidelines facilitate the workers' compensation process and frequently are used as a resource in evaluating return-to-work issues. Industry stakeholders need to be familiar with treatment guidelines and formularies as claims are adjusted, litigated and settled.*

**3:30pm – 3:50pm**

**Break with Exhibitors**

**3:50pm – 4:50pm**

**Centennial of Workers' Compensation Act: History and Heritage of the First 100 Years of Kentucky Workers' Compensation**

- J. Landon Overfield, Esq.

*Former Chief ALJ and now practicing attorney Landon Overfield explains the history of Kentucky's constitution, statutes and regulations that result in our modern workers' compensation system. These include "radical" reforms, cost reductions and predictions as to what the future holds.*

**4:50pm – 5:00pm**

**Closing Comments**

- William Faris, JD - President

**5:00pm – 7:00pm**

**Complimentary Cocktails & Hors d'oeuvres and Silent Auction**

**Friday, December 9**

**Session II**

**7:00am – 7:50am**

**Registration with Continental Breakfast**

**7:50am – 8:00am**

**Welcome from KWCEA**

- William Faris, JD - President

**8:00am – 9:00am**

**“But Doctor, I Still Hurt!”**

- Jeffrey Hazlewood, MD - 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.*

**9:00am – 10:00am**

**Kentucky Case Law Update: *Wait Wait...Don’t Tell Me!***

- Wayne Daub, Esq. - Plaintiff Attorney
- Bonnie Hoskins, Esq. - Defense Attorney

*Two prominent practitioners will bring their unique legal perspectives in explaining new cases. Attorneys and adjusters will learn what both the Defense and Plaintiff sides think these cases mean and how they will impact your claims going forward.*

**10:00am – 10:20am**

**Break with Exhibitors**

**10:20am – 11:20am**

**ETHICS: Unearthing the Truth – SIU and Workers’ Compensation Claims Management**

- Paul Dillon - KEMI Director of Special Investigations
- Scott Brown, Esq. - Defense Attorney

*Getting to the truth is a critical element of claims and underwriting management. Evidence obtained via Special Investigations Unit (SIU) investigations may indicate fraud, abuse of the system or a truthful claimant or policyholder. Paul Dillon and Scott Brown present scenarios where SIU investigations can shed light on the truth as it relates to claimants and employers.*

**11:20am – 12:20pm**

**ETHICS: Proper Use of Surveillance**

- Jane Williams, Esq. - Administrative Law Judge
- John Anderson, Esq. - Plaintiff Attorney
- Johanna Ellison, Esq. - Defense Attorney
- Thomas Kelley - Adjuster
- Paul Dillon - KEMI Director of Special Investigations

*There is a fine line between what is authentic and what is admissible. The panelists will bring their collective experiences to highlight the ethical use of surveillance as an investigative tool.*

**12:20pm – 12:30pm**

**Closing Comments**

- William Faris, JD - President