



# 2022 Forum Agenda

## 2022 EMPLOYER-FOCUSED SESSION AGENDA

Wednesday, October 5th

11:45am - 12:30pm

### Registration

Coffee & Beverages Served

12:30pm - 12:45pm

### Welcome Address & General Announcements

**Attorney Chelsie Springstead**, Lindner & Marsack – WI WC Forum President  
**Jill Allen**, Milwaukee Rehabilitation Hospital at Greenfield - Moderator

12:45pm - 1:45pm

### Is Your Employee Fit for Duty?

**Bob Kroll, PT, CEAS**, HOMELINK/The VGM Group  
**Scott Law, PT, DPT, CEAS**, Athletico Physical Therapy  
**Attorney Oyvind Wistrom**, Lindner & Marsack SC

This panel of experts will discuss how and when to use a fitness for duty evaluation to protect employees from injury and employers from potential liability. They will detail what a fitness for duty evaluation addresses, what type of testing is performed, potential red flags that could trigger the need for an evaluation, and how the evaluations can be used to determine whether an employee can return to work safely.

1:45pm – 2:00pm

### Afternoon Break

2:00pm – 3:00pm

### ADA, FMLA and Workers' Compensation: Navigating the Bermuda Triangle and Coming Out Alive

**Jamie Senner**, Harley-Davidson  
**Sarah Holding, MSN, RN**, Molson Coors  
**Attorney Sally Piefer**, Lindner and Marsack SC

When it comes to navigating "the Bermuda Triangle" of employment law, the place where the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA), the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) and workers' compensation intersect and/or overlap can be confusing and challenging for employers. This presentation will help guide you through this intersecting world and provide tips for how to handle situations where the laws may conflict.

3:00pm – 4:00pm

### Evidence Based Pain Management and Red Flags in Treating the Injured Worker

**Dr. Mark Aasen**, Pain Management Fellow  
**Lori Capener, RN, OTA-C, CCM**, Stubbe Case Management – Moderator

Dr. Aasen will review evidence-based medicine guidelines in pain management. You will learn how early and appropriate treatment based on the evidence will return the individual to the workplace. You will also learn what red flags to look for within the injured worker and the treatment plan. Specific treatment discussed will include radiofrequency ablation for lumbar and cervical pain and epidural steroid injections. Complex Regional Pain Syndrome will also be reviewed as a common diagnosis in worker's compensation.

4:00pm - 4:15pm

### Door Prize Giveaway (must be present to win)

4:15pm - 6:00pm

### Industry Networking Social Hour

Complimentary hors d'oeuvres and beverages provided.

# 2022 MAIN CONFERENCE AGENDA

**Thursday, October 6th**

7:00am - 8:00am

**Registration - Vendor Display Area Open**

8:00am - 8:15am

**Welcome Address & General Announcements**

**Attorney Chelsie Springstead**, Lindner & Marsack SC – WIWC Forum President

**Tony Prater**, York Hill Capital, LLC – AM Moderator

**Allison Scardino, MBA**, ExamWorks – PM Moderator

8:15am - 9:00am

**Case Law and Legislative Update**

**Attorney Paul Riegel**, Riegel Law

Attorney Paul Riegel will provide an update on recent case law affecting our workers compensation system and current legislative proposals. Additionally, learn what impact the recent statutory changes have on our system.

9:00am - 10:00am

**Handling "Extreme" Medical Opinions – Insights and Tips**

**Attorney Mark McGillis**, Fortune & McGillis, S.C.

**Attorney Jim Nowakowski**, Zilske Law Firm S.C.

**ALJ Mark Shore**, Division of Hearings and Appeals – Office of Worker's Compensation Hearings

Encountering medical opinions that appear to be "extreme" seems to be becoming more common in our system. These can range from significant PPD or work restrictions following what appears to be a minor injury to opinions of no PPD or work restrictions for what appear to be significant injuries. This panel of experts will discuss scenarios with widely varying medical opinions and strategies for evaluating and valuing such cases.

10:00am - 10:20am

**Vendor Break - Vendor Display Area Open**

10:20am - 11:30am

**The Future of Spinal Fusion Procedures**

**Dr. Wellington Hsu**, Orthopedic Surgeon, Spine Specialty Fellow, Northwestern University

Dr. Hsu will discuss the advancements in manufacturing and how basic science led to significant improvements in technology to help surgeons and patients during a spinal fusion. He will summarize these recent developments and provide a sneak-peek into the future of spine fusion procedures. He will provide an overview of revolutionary new treatments in spine surgery with the use of 3D printing and orthobiologic implants along with expected recovery periods to assist in adjudication of claims.

11:30am - 12:45pm

**Lunch followed by Vendor Break**

12:45pm - 1:30pm

**Keynote Presentation**

**J.P. Lane**

J.P. is a double-amputee that was injured by a 200lb IED in Afghanistan while on a route clearance mission. After losing both his legs and going through more than 25 surgeries, and so much more, JP decided he could use his story, perseverance, faith and never-give-up mindset to inspire and help others.

1:30pm - 2:40pm

**An Exploration of Orthopedic Trauma in Worker's Compensation**

**Dr. Gonzalo Barinaga**, Orthopedic Surgeon, Hand & Upper Extremity Fellow

Dr. Barinaga will explore trauma techniques and controversies, with guidance from evidence-based medicine. He will navigate a complicated crush injury and provide perspectives on evaluating issues including end of healing, appropriate work restrictions, and permanent disability ratings. The doctor will also discuss amputation, phantom limb syndrome, and CRPS. Bring your questions to this unique and interesting topic!

2:40pm - 3:00pm

**Vendor Break - Vendor Display Area Open**

3:00pm - 4:00pm

**ALJ Panel: A Peek Beneath the Robe**

**ALJ Sam Weinberg**, Division of Hearings and Appeals – Office of Worker's Compensation Hearings

**ALJ Lisa Kinney**, Division of Hearings and Appeals – Office of Worker's Compensation Hearings

**ALJ Mark Parman**, Division of Hearings and Appeals – Office of Worker's Compensation Hearings

**Doug Feldman**, Lindner & Marsack SC – Moderator

Our panel of judges will discuss current issues in the system, including the state of hearings, mediations and compromises. All three come from a background of practicing worker's compensation law and they will discuss the differences they have noticed since making the transition from practitioner to judge. Moderator Doug Feldman will also lead a lively session of questions directly from the audience.

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