



## 2023 Forum Agenda

### 2023 CONFERENCE AGENDA

#### Wednesday, October 4th

11:45am - 12:30pm

#### **Registration**

Coffee & Beverages Served

12:30pm - 12:45pm

#### **Welcome Address & General Announcements**

**Attorney Chelsie Springstead**, Lindner & Marsack - WIWC Forum President  
**Jason Hiller**, Hausmann Group - Moderator

12:45pm - 1:45pm

#### **Offense-Defense: Advanced Investigations for Legal or Claims Professionals**

**Scott Schultz**, Digistream

**Garrett McGinn**, Digistream

The accessibility of modern investigations has expanded rapidly over the past decade. This presentation will address how we can use different tools to enhance investigations in worker's compensation cases, along with strategies to help us protect our own anonymity in the process.

1:45pm - 2:00pm

#### **Afternoon Break**

2:00pm - 3:00pm

#### **Binaural Bickering? Two Perspectives on Hearing Loss Claims**

**Attorney Mary Beth Hughes**, Scopelitis, Garvin, Light, Hanson & Feary

**Attorney Jaron Mosier**, Mosier Law

Hear (pun intended) from two experts who practice across the aisle regarding how they evaluate hearing loss claims and their strategies for pursuing or defending such claims.

3:00pm - 4:00pm

#### **The Use of Workplace Intelligence in Medical Causation Determinations**

**Dr. John Koehler**, OCC DOC ONE

**Luis Vargas Ph.D.**, ARCCA

**Attorney Stephen J. McManus**, McManus & Associates, LLC - Moderator

Through the use of real-life cases studies, medical expert Dr. Koehler and biomechanical engineer Luis Vargas will discuss how workplace investigations and accident reconstruction can affect a doctor's opinion regarding causation and mechanism of injury. These experts will also address how injury re-enactments, video footage, witness statements, etc. can most effectively be used to defend against a worker's compensation claim.

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. Our industry's best opportunity to catch up with old friends and make new ones.

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## Thursday, October 5th

7:00am - 8:00am

**Registration - Vendor Display Area Open**

8:00am - 8:15am

**Welcome Address & General Announcements**

**Attorney Chelsie Springstead**, Lindner & Marsack - WI WC Forum President

**Mandy Krueger**, Krueger Vocational Consulting - AM Moderator

**Cindy Engebose**, Lone Oak Vocational Consulting - PM Moderator

8:15am - 9:25am

**PTSD: Understanding the Proper Diagnosis and Its Effect on Other Conditions**

**Dr. Stephen Saunders**, Marquette University

In this presentation, Dr. Saunders will address how to properly diagnose post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), focusing on criteria that often confuses both patients and clinicians alike. He will also discuss how mental health conditions can affect other common worker's compensation injuries.

9:25am - 10:10am

**Case Law and Legislative Update**

**Attorney Hayley Clark**, Aplin and Ringsmuth

Attorney Clark will provide an update on recent cases of significance. She will also provide an update on recent statutory changes and legislative proposals that could impact our worker's compensation system.

10:10am - 10:30am

**Break**

10:30am - 11:30am

**Complicated Foot and Ankle Injuries**

**Dr. Alex Burton**, Froedtert & The Medical College of Wisconsin

Dr. Alex Burton will explore complicated foot and ankle injuries including ruptures, wound care, Charcot foot (neuropathy), foot drop, fractures, CRPS and more! His discussion will also include the assessment of potential red flags, age and weight-related comorbidities, and the use of evidence-based treatment to maximize recovery and function.

11:30am - 12:45pm

**Lunch and Vendor Break**

12:45pm - 1:30pm

**Keynote Presentation: Achieving Your Personal Best**

**Bonnie Blair**, DASH

Olympic champion speed skater Bonnie Blair will discuss the multiple challenges we face trying to be the best. In a presentation that you won't want to miss, she will address the trials and tribulations she experienced on her road to Olympic gold.

1:30pm - 2:40pm

**Mock IME: A Behind the Scenes Look at an Independent Medical Examination**

**Dr. Dennys Maldonado**, Mercy Health

In this interactive and entertaining presentation, Dr. Maldonado will conduct an IME on a live "claimant," taking the audience through each part of the examination, what he is looking for, and how the results of the examination ultimately impact his medical conclusions.

2:40pm - 3:00pm

**Vendor Break**

3:00pm - 4:00pm

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

**ALJ Edward W.J. Falkner**, Division of Hearings and Appeals - Office of Worker's Compensation Hearings

**ALJ Kathleen E Grant**, Division of Hearings and Appeals - Office of Worker's Compensation Hearings

**ALJ Amanda Luedtke**, Division of Hearings and Appeals - Office of Worker's Compensation Hearings

**Attorney Joseph P. Danas, Jr.**, Borgelt, Powell, Peterson & Frauen, S.C - Moderator

Our panel of judges will discuss current issues in the system, including the state of hearings, mediations and compromises. Moderator Joseph P. Danas will lead a lively session of questions directly from the audience. This is your chance to get all of your questions answered so come prepared!

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