

SEMINAR OVERVIEW

Morning Session:

7:45 - 8:30 a.m.: Registration, Introduction and Networking
(Continental Breakfast Provided)

8:30 - 9:00 a.m.: *New Statutory Changes on Cancer Claims for Public Safety Responders and Case Law Update*

John H. Geaney, Esq., Capehart Scatchard

- Learn about new presumptions for cancer cases involving firefighters, police and EMTs
- How public employers can rebut presumptions in cancer cases
- Must we pay counsel fees cases based on the life expectancy of the surviving spouse?
- Learn about the reversal of \$5,000 penalty against respondent in *Ramella*

9:00 - 9:45 a.m.: *Medical Claim Petitions and Repricing Medical Bills: Panel Discussion*

Claire Y. Ringel, Esq., Capehart Scatchard
Linda Woods, First MCO

Alys Onorato, Verizon

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- How are employers coping with the explosion of MCPs?
- What can an employer argue to defeat MCPs?
- Learn about the science behind bill repricing
- Who must testify in a trial on an MCP?
- Learn why strong physician networks are so crucial to managing costs

9:45 - 10:00 a.m.: **Morning Break and Networking with Vendors**

10:00 - 11:10 a.m.: *Workers' Comp 101 for Adjusters, Medical Professionals and Employers*

Lora V. Northen, Esq., Capehart Scatchard

- What are the key concepts behind New Jersey's rather unique comp statute?
- How is New Jersey's loss of function system different from other states?
- Understanding why MMI is pivotal concerning med and temp benefits
- How can employers address reopener claims and sometimes get Section 20 settlements?
- Why mastery of the premises rule and parking lot cases is important

11:10 - 12:00 Noon: *Modified Duty Issues in New Jersey Workers' Comp: Panel Discussion*

Doug Paster, Travelers Insurance Company

Jessica L. Rodio, Esq., Capehart Scatchard

Dr. Charles Gatto, The Advanced Spine Center

Tim Quinn, Morris Township Manager

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- What does case law say about modified duty?
- How do you get buy-in from all departments?
- What about modified duty at local charities, if the employer has none?
- What information do doctors need to assess ability to perform modified duty?
- How can an employer avoid reinjuries on modified duty?

Noon - 1:00 p.m.: **Buffet Lunch Included (network with the speakers and visit the sponsor booths)**

Afternoon Session:

1:00 - 1:45 p.m.: *Why Do Injured Workers Hire Counsel? Panel Discussion with Petitioners' Counsel*

Andrew Graulich, Esq.

Kevin Kutyla, Esq.

Andrew R. Topazio, Esq., Marciano & Topazio

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- Why do injured workers retain counsel for workers' compensation?
- What are the main complaints petitioners have when they see counsel?
- How does light duty work from the petitioner's standpoint?
- Transportation, missed appointments and translation issues: how can they be resolved?
- Reasons for motions for med and temp and suggestions on resolving them

1:45 - 2:00 p.m.: **Afternoon Break and Networking with Vendors**

2:00- 3:00 p.m.: *Current Trends in Treatment of Knee and Shoulder Injury Cases*

Dr. Wayne Colizza, Tri-County Orthopedics

- How can a doctor tell if the condition is preexisting or work-related?
- Why past medical history is paramount in knee/shoulder cases
- When are total shoulder, total knee and reverse shoulder surgeries indicated?
- Are stem cell and platelet rich plasma the future preferred treatments?
- Which forms of arthritis tend to be causally related and not related?

3:00 - 4:00 p.m.: *Drug Testing in the Workplace and Issues Pertaining to Marijuana: Panel Discussion*

Sheila M. Mints, Esq., Capehart Scatchard

Dr. Giovanni Ramundo, Pain Medicine Physicians

Dr. Rachel Leib, Atlantic Health System

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- What changes do employers see in terms of drug testing and medical marijuana?
- Should employers update their policies in light of changes in the law?
- When is it legally safe for employers to drug test employees?
- How will legalized recreational marijuana affect employers?
- How are treating doctors changing their practice as a result of law changes in NJ?

4:00 p.m.: **Program Concludes**