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## The End of the Year Workers' Compensation Webinar

### Featured Presenters

**Moderator:** John H. Geaney, Esq., Capehart Scatchard  
Author of "Geaney's NJ Workers' Comp Manual"

**Speakers:** Joseph F. Betley, Esq., Capehart Scatchard  
Richard Nachwalter, M.D., Atlantic Spine Specialists



John H. Geaney, Esq.  
Moderator

## WEBINAR

Thursday, December 3, 2020

Cost: Complimentary

## WEBINAR OVERVIEW

9:00 - 10:00 a.m. *The 2020 Comp Year In Review: Major Decisions and Legislation Affecting New Jersey Workers' Compensation*

**John H. Geaney, Esq., Capehart Scatchard**

- ◆ Learn about the new Hand & Foot legislation passed in January 2020 and subsequent legislation on secondary retroactivity
- ◆ Find out about perhaps the most important reported case on pain management in New Jersey comp
- ◆ What does the first reported Appellate Division decision mean for payment of medical marijuana in comp?
- ◆ Learn how an airline defeated an attempt to broaden jurisdiction on essentially a Pennsylvania comp case
- ◆ What you need to know about the 9-14-2020 Essential Workers legislation regarding COVID-19 claims
- ◆ Find out about an important parking lot case that a major hospital won
- ◆ Learn about the recent decisions rejecting efforts by PA and NY doctors to file MCP cases in NJ

10:00 – 10:10 a.m. *Break and Email Questions to Presenters*

10:10 - 11:10 a.m. *“Do No Harm!:" An Amazing Overview of the History of Pain Treatment and Implications for Spine Treatment in 2020*

**Dr. Richard Nachwalter, Atlantic Spine Specialists**

- ◆ Learn about the origins of opium use from Sumeria, Ancient Greece, Ancient Rome to the present time
- ◆ Find out about the Opium Trade in the mid 1800s and early 1900s and what that trade foretold
- ◆ Discover the surprising history of how scientists made ever more powerful pain medicine by isolating aspects of opium

- ◆ Learn about the modern theory of pain management that swept through the United States
- ◆ Discover how the principle of “Do No Harm” applies to testing and imaging in workers’ compensation
- ◆ What are the implications of this crucial medical credo on current spine surgery in our country?

11:10 – 11:20 a.m. *Break and Email Questions to Presenters*

11:20 - 12:20 p.m. *How New Jersey School Boards Are Coping with COVID-19 Issues and the Impact on Workers' Compensation*

**Joseph F. Betley, Esq., Capehart Scatchard  
John H. Geaney, Esq., Capehart Scatchard**

- ◆ How have schools attempted to provide safety to teachers, staff and students both in class and remotely?
- ◆ What are some of the legal obligations concerning reasonable accommodation arising from COVID-19?
- ◆ How are schools handling lost time from school board employees with COVID-19 positive testing?
- ◆ What are the main issues being discussed in collective bargaining in relation to COVID-19?
- ◆ What are the implications in workers’ compensation for travel from school to home for remote workers?
- ◆ What kinds of home injuries may be compensable under workers’ compensation?

12:20 p.m. *Program Concludes*



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## FEATURED SPEAKERS

**John H. Geaney, Esq.** is a Shareholder and Co-Chair of Capehart Scatchard's Workers' Compensation Department. Certified by the Supreme Court of New Jersey as a Workers' Compensation Law attorney, Mr. Geaney is active in the New Jersey Self Insurers Association (Membership and Program Committees) as well as Kids' Chance of New Jersey. Mr. Geaney is a member of the National Workers' Compensation Defense Network and is a Fellow of the College of Workers' Compensation Lawyers. He is the author of *Geaney's New Jersey Workers' Compensation Manual for Practitioners, Physicians, Adjusters, and Employers*.

**Joseph F. Betley, Esq.** is an Executive Committee Member and Co-Chair of Capehart Scatchard's School Law Group and a Shareholder of the Labor and Employment Group. Mr. Betley is a member of the National School Board Association, the New Jersey Bar Association (Law & Employment Section) and the New Jersey Association of School Business Officials - Associate Counsel . He received his B.A. degree, with *highest honors* from Bentley College and his J.D. degree, *cum laude*, from Villanova University School of Law. Mr. Betley is licensed in New Jersey, The U.S. District Court for Eastern District of Pennsylvania and the Third Circuit Court of Appeals.

**Richard Nachwalter, MD** is an orthopedic spine surgeon with Atlantic Spine Specialists with more than 20 years of experience specializing in all disorders of the spine. He is fellowship trained in orthopedic spine surgery and holds a subspecialty Fellowship in spinal surgery. He completed his Internship and Residency at State University of New York at Stony Brook and his Fellowship in spinal surgery at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital. Dr. Nachwalter is board certified by the American Board of Orthopedic Surgery. He is licensed in New Jersey. Dr. Nachwalter has professional appointments at Morristown Medical Center and Saint Barnabas Medical Center.

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