CONFERENCE INFORMATION

Fee
Conference registration is $250 per person and includes admission to conference workshops, exhibits, lunches, morning/afternoon breaks (on June 7-8), and dinner on June 7. To register, see page 2.

Cancellation Policy
Cancellations and refund requests must be received by the bureau no later than May 25, 2018. No refunds will be made after this date due to the bureau’s financial commitment to the convention facility for food, beverages, meeting rooms and services. There will be no exceptions to this refund policy.

Walk-In Registration
Walk-in registrations will not be accepted without contemporaneous payment.

Lodging/Reservations
Reservations for overnight accommodations at the Hershey Lodge must be made by contacting the lodge on or before May 7, 2018, at 855-729-3108 or visit: https://aws.passkey.com/go/BWCC2018
When making your reservations, advise the lodge that you are attending the “Bureau of Workers’ Compensation Conference June 7-8, 2018” to get the conference room rate of $199, plus 11 percent tax per room, per night. If you are attending and exhibiting, make the lodge aware of that as well.

Hershey Lodge & Convention Center
West Chocolate Avenue & University Drive
Hershey, PA 17033
717-533-3311

Credit Information
The Pennsylvania Bar Institute is providing continuing legal education credits for the conference. Also, various continuing education credits are available from the PA Association of Rehabilitation Professionals and Preferred Systems Inc. Please contact these credit organizations directly for credit information and cost. These costs are in addition to the conference registration fee. To register for credits, please visit the credit websites:

PBI: www.pbi.org
PARP: www.rehabpro.org
Preferred Systems Inc.: www.preferrededucation.com

Exhibits
Exhibit registration is $750 per booth.

Fee Includes:
- Conference registration for two people
- Meals and breaks as indicated on the conference agenda
- One 8x10 foot exhibit space
- One 110v electrical outlet
- One 6-foot table, draped
- Draped side rails and backdrop
- One name sign (7 inches x 44 inches), includes booth # and company name
- Two chairs
- One trash can
- Wall-to-wall carpeting
- Limited security during lunch breaks on June 7-8 (room will be locked during lunch breaks)
- 24-hour roaming security

Exhibit Registrations
Exhibit registrations are due May 25, 2018. Booths are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis, so please submit your registration as early as possible. No booth will be reserved without submission of the registration form, the fee, the exhibitor’s Certificate of Liability and a Requirements Acknowledgement form signed by the two exhibit booth representatives (acknowledgement form is available at: www.dli.pa.gov, click on Businesses, next click on Workers’ Compensation Services and then on Conferences, Seminars, Training or by emailing: ra-li-bwc-helpline@pa.gov). Upon receipt of payment and documentation, a confirmation letter will be forwarded. A separate notice with floor plan and booth assignment will follow.

Exhibit Schedule
- **Wednesday, June 6, 5 p.m.–9 p.m.**
  On-site registration in the Great American Lobby outside Exhibit Hall (Red, White & Blue rooms) and setup in the Exhibit Hall.

- **Friday, June 8, 1 p.m.**
  Door prize announcements (Names of prize winners will be displayed in the Great American Lobby.)

- **Friday, June 8, 2 p.m.–5 p.m.**
  Tear down (Exhibitors who tear down before 2 p.m. will be placed at the bottom of the list for exhibiting at the next Workers’ Compensation Conference.)
Questions/Special Accommodations
If you require an accommodation due to a disability, have a special dietary need request or have any questions, call the bureau’s helpline:

- Toll free inside PA: 800-482-2383
- Local and outside PA: 717-772-4447
- People with hearing loss only: toll free inside PA: TTY 800-362-4228 local and outside PA: TTY 717-772-4991

email: ra-li-bwc-helpline@pa.gov

Check your affiliation:
- Case management
- Claimant attorney
- Court reporting
- Defense attorney
- Employer
- Government
- Health & Safety
- Health care industry
- Insurance industry
- Investigator
- Labor
- Medical products
- Third-party administrator
- Translation
- Transportation
- Utilization review
- Vocational rehabilitation
- Other (specify): ________________

To Register Online:
Register online at: www.dli.pa.gov, click on Businesses, next click on Workers’ Compensation Services and then on Conferences, Seminars, Training.

To Register By Mail:
Mail your check or money order for $250, payable to the Commonwealth of PA, and this completed form by May 25, 2018, to:

Bureau of Workers’ Compensation
1171 S. Cameron St., Room 324
Harrisburg, PA 17104-2501

Provide all information requested below (or attach a business card). Incomplete forms will not be accepted. One registration per form; please make copies as needed.

Name: ________________

Company: ________________

Address: ________________

City: ________________

State, ZIP: ________________

County: ________________

Phone: ________________

Fax: ________________

Email: ________________

I will attend dinner on June 7: ☐ YES ☐ NO

First-time attendee: ☐ YES ☐ NO
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Bureau of Workers’ Compensation
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Booth space will not be held until the bureau is in receipt of exhibitor’s Certificate of Liability and a Requirements Acknowledgement Form signed by the two exhibit booth representatives (acknowledgement form is available at: www.dli.pa.gov, click on Businesses, next click on Workers’ Compensation Services and then on Conferences, Seminars, Training or by emailing: ra-li-bwc-helpline@pa.gov). Upon receipt of payment and documentation, booth space will be assigned.

Provide all information requested below (business card may be attached). Incomplete forms will not be accepted.

Company: ________________________________
(as will be shown on booth name sign)

FEIN: ________________________________

Contact person: ________________________________

Title: ________________________________

Phone: ________________________________

Email: ________________________________

Brief description of products/goods/services: ________________________________

Name 1:  First-time attendee: ________________
YES  ________________
NO

Name 2:  First-time attendee: ________________
YES  ________________
NO

Exhibit Booth Representative
(Up to two names):

Name 1: ________________________________

Name 2: ________________________________

Company: ________________________________

Address: ________________________________

City: ________________________________

State, ZIP: ________________________________

County: ________________________________

Phone: ________________________________

Fax: ________________________________

Email: ________________________________

Name 1: I will attend dinner on June 7: ________________
YES  ________________
NO

Name 2: I will attend dinner on June 7: ________________
YES  ________________
NO

Name 1: First-time attendee: ________________
YES  ________________
NO

Name 2: First-time attendee: ________________
YES  ________________
NO

Check your affiliation:

☐ Case management

☐ Claimant attorney

☐ Court reporting

☐ Defense attorney

☐ Employer

☐ Government

☐ Health & Safety

☐ Health care industry

☐ Insurance industry

☐ Investigator

☐ Labor

☐ Medical products

☐ Third-party administrator

☐ Translation

☐ Transportation

☐ Utilization review

☐ Vocational rehabilitation

☐ Other (specify): ________________________________
Day 1 / Thursday, June 7, 2018

7 a.m. Registration (Chocolate Lobby)/Continental Breakfast (Exhibit Hall)

8:30 a.m. Welcome/Opening Remarks: Jerry Oleksiak, Acting Secretary, PA Dept. of L&I (Chocolate Ballroom)

9:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Breakout Sessions

Basic WC Law – Part 1

Previously offered as WC 101, Workers’ Compensation Judge David Torrey provides a basic overview of workers’ compensation in Pennsylvania, including a discussion on its history, basic entitlements, wage loss, course of employment and disability/partial disability.

Employers Unplugged

These experienced large and small employers will address challenges and topics such as workforce education, pre-injury training, post-injury medical care and the claims management process. The panel will discuss coordination between the adjuster, employer, medical providers and counsel to support a successful modified duty and return to work program.

Opioid Crisis: Where Are We Now?

The speakers for this session will provide an update on the opioid crisis, explore potential alternatives to the use of opioids and explain the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program.

Avoiding Litigation

In this session, the panel will present collaborative strategies and insights to facilitate the WC claim process and avoid adversarial outcomes.

10:30 a.m. – 11 a.m. Break/Exhibits (Exhibit Hall)

11 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Breakout Sessions

Basic WC Law - Part 2

This detailed discussion will follow the flow of the claim process from the moment of injury until the final adjudication. Speakers will address frequently asked questions about the workers’ compensation law and will give basic information about what the law is and what it does.

Legal Updates

An annual favorite, join in this discussion of the leading cases and current, potentially problematic issues facing workers’ compensation practitioners.
Hiring Individuals with Disabilities
Basic
Moderated by: Donna K. Sponaugle, The Hershey Company, Y&S Candies, Lancaster
David DeNotaris, PA Dept. of L&I, Harrisburg
Amy L. Ruesch, Ann Silverman Community Health Clinic, Doylestown

Panelists will discuss how the employer and the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation have been successful in placing individuals with disabilities in substantial productive employment. A panelist will discuss how she has successfully navigated her educational and work life as a hearing-impaired nurse practitioner.

Workers’ Compensation Research Institute: CompScope PA 2018
Basic

The speaker will address the most recent CompScope report for Pennsylvania. Attendees will gain an understanding of the Pennsylvania workers’ compensation system’s features and comparisons with other states, including indemnity benefits, medical payments and benefits delivery expenses per claim.

12:15 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. Lunch (Chocolate Ballroom)

1:45 p.m. – 3 p.m. Breakout Sessions

Workers’ Compensation Jeopardy
Intermediate
Edward R. Carpenter Jr., Esq., Carpenter, McCadden & Lane LLP, Media
Christopher A. DiMeo, Esq., Carpenter, McCadden & Lane LLP, Media
Jeffrey S. Gross, Esq., Gross & Kenny LLP, Philadelphia
Andrea McCormick, WCJ, WC Office of Adjudication, Philadelphia

Test your workers’ compensation knowledge. This fun and informative session will take the attendees through the nuances of workers’ compensation in Pennsylvania.

Opioid Use: The Road to Recovery
Basic
Moderated by: Suzanne M. Emmet, Eastern Alliance Insurance Group, Lancaster
Evelyn Bonilla, Paradigm Outcomes, Walnut Creek, Calif.

Shaun C. Corbett, MD, Rosomoff Comprehensive Rehabilitation Center, Miami, Fla.
Victor E. Parziale, Ernest Victor Consulting LLC, York Haven

Hear from panelists who have overcome opioid dependency, as well as from insurance and medical professionals who have facilitated these efforts and support their ongoing success.

As the Claim Turns – Part 1
Basic
Moderated by: Sandra Craig, WCJ, WC Office of Adjudication, Philadelphia
Katherine E. Bavoso, Esq., Thomas, Thomas & Hafer LLP, Harrisburg
Roy Patton, Presque Isle Rehabilitation Service LLC, Edinboro
Deborah J. Schwartz, Esq., Bureau of Workers’ Compensation, Office of Chief Counsel, Harrisburg

This year’s session will focus on a WC claim from start to finish. We will highlight the impact from Protz on claims and the mitigation of exposure in the post-Protz world via other options.

Avoiding Fatal and Life-Changing Injuries
Intermediate
Moderated by: Bernadette Heckman, Heckman Group, Duncannon
Matthew Banford, Allied Services Heinz Rehab, Wilkes-Barre
Kenneth Jones, IBEW Local 29 (retired), Pittsburgh
Michael F. Swintek, Eastern Alliance Insurance Group, Wexford

Hear from a diverse panel of experts who will discuss a philosophy of accident prevention that focuses on changing thought patterns and awareness of personal dangers and injury exposures.

3 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Break/Exhibits (Exhibit Hall)

3:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. Breakout Sessions
The Gig Economy - Workers’ Compensation and Liability Consideration
Intermediate
Moderated by: David B. Torrey, WCJ, WC Office of Adjudication, Pittsburgh
Joseph C. Huttemann, Esq., Martin Law, Philadelphia
Bradley Smith, Esq., Galfand Berger LLP, Philadelphia

The panel will provide a briefing on the trend towards workers laboring in the “gig economy” with a focus on employment status, safety and insurance implications.

Analytics: Injury Prevention and Safety Intermediate/Advanced
Moderated by: Bernadette Heckman, Heckman & Hafer LLP, Harrisburg
Jim Harris, Genex Services, Tampa, Fla.
Kevin O’Sadnick, Safety National, St. Louis, Mo.
Peter Phelan, PA Dept. of L&I, Center for Workforce Information and Analysis, Harrisburg

Discuss how employment, claims and injury data can be, and is, utilized to predict and/or prevent injuries and illness in the workplace.

As the Claim Turns – Part 2
Basic
Moderated by: Sandra Craig, WCJ, WC Office of Adjudication, Philadelphia
Katherine E. Bavoso, Esq., Thomas, Thomas & Hafer LLP, Harrisburg
Lawrence R. Chaban, Esq., AlpernSchubert PC, Pittsburgh
Harriet A. Gaither, CM Regent Insurance Company, New Cumberland
Hilbert W. Gavel, Berry Global, Hunlock Creek
Roy Patton, Presque Isle Rehabilitation Service LLC, Edinboro
Deborah J. Schwartz, Esq., Bureau of Workers’ Compensation, Office of Chief Counsel, Harrisburg

Continuation of part 1.

Legislative Process
Intermediate
Moderated by: Adrienne Breslin, Esq., Lackawanna Insurance Group, Wilkes-Barre
Jonathan C. Greer, Insurance Federation of PA Inc., Harrisburg
Alex Halper, PA Chamber of Business and Industry, Harrisburg
Thomas Previc, Pennsylvania Association for Justice, Harrisburg

Hear from experienced and respected “Hands on the Hill” who will provide a brief overview of the legislative process and discuss pending or recently enacted workers’ compensation legislation.

5 p.m. – 7 p.m. Dinner (Chocolate Ballroom)

Day 2 / Friday, June 8, 2018

7:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast (Exhibit Hall)

8 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Kids’ Chance Presentation (Wild Rose)

Kids’ Chance of Pennsylvania...We are all about the Kids!
Christian A. Davis, Esq., Weber Gallagher, Philadelphia/President, Kids’ Chance of PA

The mission of Kids’ Chance of Pennsylvania Inc. (Kids’ Chance of PA) is to provide scholarship grants for college and vocational education to children of Pennsylvania workers who have been killed or seriously injured in a work-related accident resulting in financial need. Join Chris Davis, Kids’ Chance President, to learn more about the organization and how you can help us spread our mission to reach more students in need of our scholarship.

8:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. Keynote Address (Chocolate Ballroom)

Medical Marijuana
Basic
Rachel Levine, MD, PA Dept. of Health, Harrisburg

This session will bring attendees up to speed on the implementation of the Medical Marijuana Act, which became law April 17, 2016. The speaker will provide a general overview of the act, which is in the process of being fully implemented by the Pennsylvania Department of Health, and will discuss the Medical Marijuana Advisory Board Report.

9:45 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. Break/Exhibits (Exhibit Hall)
10:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Breakout Sessions
Workers’ Compensation Medical Marijuana - Legal/HR

Intermediate
Moderated by: Adrienne Breslin, Esq., Lackawanna Insurance Group, Wilkes-Barre
Jenifer D. Kaufman, Esq., Moritz Law Group LLC, Philadelphia
John C. Kutner, Esq., Weber Gallagher, Bedminster, N.J.
Scott M. Pollins, Esq., Pollins Law, Swarthmore
Mandy C. Rosenblum, Esq., Law Offices of Mandy C. Rosenblum LLC, Conshohocken
Paul H. Sighinolfi, Esq., Maine Workers’ Compensation Board, Augusta, Maine

Hear this panel of experts review and discuss the potential legal and employment implications of medical marijuana in the workplace, learn how other states have dealt with the issues and provide practical consideration for workers’ compensation claims.

60 Tips in 60 Minutes
Intermediate/Advanced
Moderated by: Lawrence R. Chaban, Esq., AlpernSchubert PC, Pittsburgh
Stuart W. Benson III, Esq., Law Offices of Stuart Benson, Gibsonia
James DeMartino, Total Rehabilitation Inc., Harrison City
Dean V. Dominick, Esq., KBG Injury Law, York
Tara Hooper, Eastern Alliance Insurance Group, Lancaster
John W. McTiernan, WCJ, WC Office of Adjudication, Brookville

You will get 60 tips in 60 minutes in this fast-paced presentation. Hear from leading participants in the WC system some of the most unique tips from their areas of expertise. There will be time for questions at the end.

Employment Law Interaction with Workers’ Compensation: A Case Study
Advanced
Robert J. Baker, Esq., The Chartwell Law Offices LLP, Harrisburg
Sean A. Casey, Esq., Casey Legal, Pittsburgh

This session will address proper and effective administration of a workers’ compensation claim in the context of issues raised by the ADA, FMLA, COBRA and the Unemployment Compensation Law.

Judges Unplugged
Intermediate
Moderated by: Barbara E. Holmes, Esq., Blaufeld, Schiller & Holmes LLP, Pittsburgh
Patrick J. Cummings, WCJ, WC Office of Adjudication, Scranton
Carmen F. Lugo, WCJ, WC Office of Adjudication, Erie
Nathan E. Pogirski, WCJ, WC Office of Adjudication, Reading
Audrey E. Timm, WCJ, WC Office of Adjudication, Philadelphia

Come and hear some of the most experienced workers’ compensation judges share their wisdom and offer their perspectives on the litigation and mediation process.

11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. Lunch
(Chocolate Ballroom)

1 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. Breakout Sessions

Workers’ Compensation Medical Marijuana - Medical
Intermediate
Moderated by: Ann Marie Loiseau, DeSales University, Center Valley
Lucian Bednarz, MD, Northeastern Rehabilitation Associates PC, Scranton
Mark Pew, PRIUM, Duluth, Ga.

To review the pharmacology and medical uses of marijuana.

Legal Updates [Repeat]
Intermediate
Barbara E. Holmes, Esq., Blaufeld, Schiller & Holmes LLP, Pittsburgh
Terry W. Knox, WCJ, WC Office of Adjudication, Reading
Peter J. Weber, Esq., Weber Gallagher, Philadelphia

An annual favorite, join in this discussion of the leading cases and current, potentially problematic issues facing workers’ compensation practitioners.
Misclassification of Independent Contractors
Intermediate
Moderated by: Adrienne Breslin, Esq., Lackawanna Insurance Group, Wilkes-Barre
Josh Birk, Eastern Alliance Insurance Group, Lancaster
Michael C. Brown, Pond, Lehocky, Stern, Giordano, Philadelphia
Jason Woodruff, Lackawanna Insurance Group, Wilkes-Barre

Panelists will discuss proper classification of independent contractors vs. employees and consequences of inaccurate classification.

Subrogation - The Blame Game
Intermediate/Advanced
Moderated by: Daniel J. Siegel, Esq., Law Offices of Daniel J. Siegel LLC, Havertown
Robert Carl, Eastern Alliance Insurance Group, Lancaster

Panelists will discuss the ins and outs of subrogation under Section 319 of the WC Act. This will include a discussion of third-party liability and employer-provided benefits. The pending Supreme Court case of The Hartford Group vs. Thrifty Car Rental will be discussed.

2:15 p.m. Conference Adjourns
Tee Off for the Kids!
Celebrate the 13th Annual Kids’ Chance of Pennsylvania Golf Outing

Wednesday, June 6, 2018
Hershey Country Club
1000 E. Derry Rd • Hershey, PA 17033

Golfer Registration Opens: 11 a.m.
Recognition Luncheon: Noon (For Partners/Scholars/Friends and Golfers)
Tee-Off: 1:30 p.m.

Registration Form
Deadline 5/15/2018

Golfers
1. Captain __________________________

2. _________________________________

3. _________________________________

4. _________________________________

___ Individual Golfer(s) @ $200 Each
   (Includes: Lunch and Dinner)

___ Foursome(s) @ $800 Each
   (Includes: Lunch and Dinner)

___ Hole Sponsorship(s) @ $250 Each
   (*Only 1 Sponsor Per Hole, No Splitting
    Sponsorship Fee Between Vendors. Does Not
    Include Lunch or Dinner)

___ Foursome Sponsorship Package(s)
   @ $1,000 Each (Includes: Golf and Sponsorship)

___ Luncheon(s) @ $35 Each

___ Dinner(s) @ $35 Each

___ I will not be able to attend, but please accept my donation of $______ in support of Kids’ Chance of PA.

Kids’ Chance of Pennsylvania is a registered tax-exempt 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. All contributions
are tax deductible and contributors will receive a letter of acknowledgement for tax purposes.

Thank you for your support. You may register online at www.kidschanceofpa.org and pay by credit
card. Or send your check, payable to Kids’ Chance of Pennsylvania to:
Kids’ Chance of Pennsylvania Inc., 1231 Highland Ave., Fort Washington, PA 19034

Name: __________________________________________
Address: _________________________________________
City: __________________________ State: ______ ZIP: __________________________
Phone: __________________________ Email: ________________________________

“I am extremely grateful to Kids’ Chance of Pennsylvania for continuously supporting me throughout my academic experience. Student debt is menacing and overwhelming to think about, but with the help of Kids’ Chance, I know that I can be relieved of some of the stress. My family and I are extremely appreciative of your compassion!”

Skyler
Temple University
Golf Outing Sponsor Agreement
13th Annual Kids’ Chance of PA Golf Outing

Organization Name (as it will appear on event materials): ________________________________
Contact Name: ___________________________ Title: ________________________________
Address: ________________________________________________________________
City: ___________________________ State: ________ ZIP: __________
Phone: (______)_________________________ Email: ________________________________

Please promptly submit your company’s website and your company’s logo in high resolution JPEG or EPS format to the Kids’ Chance of PA office at info@kidschanceofpa.org. Material received after May 15, 2018 will not appear on signage or in the program.

Sponsorship Levels:

___ Luncheon (2 @ $3,500)  ___ Design Services ($500)
___ Beef-n-Beer ($2,500)  ___ AV Needs ($500)
___ Beverage Carts (2 @ $1,500)  ___ General Donation to Support the Program
___ Photo Services ($750)  

Your generous donation will be acknowledged as follows:
• Announcement during the program and signage during the event
• Name listed in the 2018 Golf Outing Program
• Kids’ Chance of PA website recognition with link to your website

X_________________________________________ __________________________
Authorizing Signature  Date

Kids’ Chance of Pennsylvania Inc. thanks you and your organization for your willingness to sponsor services at the 2018 Golf Outing to benefit PA students in need! Please complete this agreement and send it directly to: Kids’ Chance of PA, 1231 Highland Ave., Fort Washington, PA 19034.
Dr. Levine is currently the acting secretary and physician general for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and professor of Pediatrics and Psychiatry at the Penn State College of Medicine. Dr. Levine graduated from Harvard College and the Tulane University School of Medicine. She completed her training in pediatrics and adolescent medicine at the Mt. Sinai Medical Center in New York City. She joined the staff at Penn State Hershey Medical Center in 1993 where she started the Penn State Hershey Eating Disorders Program. This program offers multidisciplinary treatment for children, adolescents and adults with eating disorders such as anorexia nervosa and bulimia nervosa.

Rachel Levine, MD
Acting Secretary
Pennsylvania
Department of Health

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