



**The Twenty-Fifth Annual North Carolina Workers' Compensation
Educational Conference • Virtual Conference
Tuesday - Friday, October 13-16, 2020 (Live Q&A)
Sessions Available Online After Initial Presentation Through October 30, 2020**

AGENDA

(Final schedule subject to change)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2020

- 9:00 - 9:15 AM **Opening Remarks**
Philip A. Baddour, Chair, NCIC
- 9:30 - 10:30 AM **2011 Legislative Changes and Extended Compensation Claims Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 97-29(c) (2019)**
Margaret Shankle, Attorney at Law, Shankle Law Firm, PA, Charlotte, NC; Jeff Kadis, Attorney at Law, Hedrick Gardner Kincheloe & Garofalo, LLP, Charlotte, NC
- 10:30 - 11:00 AM **Break - visit Virtual Exhibit Hall**
- 11:00 - 12:00 PM **Suitable Employment and Return to Work in 2020**
Valerie Johnson, Attorney at Law, Johnson Groninger PLLC, Durham, NC; W. Scott Fuller, Attorney at Law, Cranfill Sumner & Hartzog LLP, Raleigh, NC
- 12:00 - 1:00 PM **Lunch Break - visit Virtual Exhibit Hall**
- 1:00 - 2:00 PM **COVID-19 and Tele-Health in Workers' Compensation**
Mark Pew, Senior Vice President, Preferred Medical, Louisville, KY

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2020

- 9:00 - 10:00 AM **Concurrent Break-Out Sessions: (choose I of II)**
- I. Executive Secretary's Office Update**
Meredith R. Henderson, Executive Secretary, NCIC
Plus Deputy Commissioner Section Update
Tammy Nance, Acting Chief Deputy Commissioner, NCIC; Kevin V. Howell, Deputy Commissioner, NCIC
- II. Hot Topics and Best Practices for Adjusters**
(fulfills 1 ethics hour for adjusters)
Stephanie Gay, Vice President, Aegis Administrative Services, Inc.; Tracey L. Jones, Attorney at Law, Teague Campbell Dennis & Gorham, LLP, Raleigh, NC; Barry C. Jennings, Attorney at Law, Law Offices of James Scott Farrin, Durham, NC
- 10:00 - 10:30 AM **Break - visit Virtual Exhibit Hall**
- 10:30 - 11:30 AM **Concurrent Break-Out Sessions: (choose I of II)**
- I. The Commission's New Case Management System and Electronic Filings: An Interactive Demonstration**
(fulfills 1 technology hour for attorneys)
Meredith R. Henderson, Executive Secretary, NCIC; Tim Frost, Chief Information Officer, NCIC; Emily M. Baucom, Clerk, NCIC
- II. Work Related Injuries and Telecommuting**
Mathew E. Flatow, Attorney at Law, SeiferFlatow, PLLC, Charlotte, NC; Laura L. Carter, Attorney at Law, Holder Padgett Littlejohn + Prickett, LLC, Raleigh, NC
- 11:30 - 1:00 PM **Lunch Break - visit Virtual Exhibit Hall**
- 1:00 - 2:00 PM **Update from the Clerk's Office and Claims Administration**
Emily M. Baucom, Clerk, NCIC; Tammy Nance, Acting Chief Deputy Commissioner, NCIC

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2020

- 9:00 - 10:00 AM **Concurrent Break-Out Sessions: (choose I of II)**
- I. Confidentiality and Attorney-Client Privilege in Workers' Compensation Claims**
(fulfills 1 ethics hour for attorneys)
Warren T. Savage, Senior Claims Attorney, Lawyers Mutual Liability Insurance Company of North Carolina, Cary, NC
- II. Shoulder and Knee Conditions in Workers' Compensation**
Matthew T. Boes, M.D., Raleigh Orthopaedic Clinic, Raleigh, NC
- 10:00 - 10:30 AM **Break - visit Virtual Exhibit Hall**
- 10:30 - 11:30 AM **Concurrent Break-Out Sessions: (choose I of II)**
- I. Maintaining Professionalism: Essential Practice Tips for Attorneys**
(fulfills 1 ethics hour for attorneys)
Melvin F. Wright, Jr., Executive Director, The Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism, Raleigh, NC
- II. Nurse Case Manager Ethics: 2020 Edition**
(fulfills 1 ethics hour for case managers)
Vicki Hewitt-McNeil, Medical Rehabilitation Nurse, NCIC; Jodie Nolf, RN, CCM, Nolf Case Management & Consulting, LLC, Raleigh-Durham, NC
- 11:30 - 1:00 PM **Lunch Break - visit Virtual Exhibit Hall**
- 1:00 - 2:00 PM **Concurrent Break-Out Sessions: (choose I of II)**
- I. Hot Topics, COVID-19, and Recent Developments in Mediation**
John C. Schafer, Deputy Commissioner, NCIC; Jacqueline R. Clare, DRC Certified Mediator, Raleigh, NC; Thomas M. Clare, DRC Certified Mediator, Raleigh, NC
- II. Approaches to Industrial Hand Injuries & Wide Awake Surgery**
Christopher Chadderdon, M.D., OrthoCarolina, Charlotte, NC

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2020

- 9:00 - 9:30 AM **A View from the Chair**
Philip A. Baddour, Chair, NCIC
- 9:30 - 10:00 AM **Update of Recent Commission Rulemaking**
Gina Cammarano, Rulemaking Coordinator, NCIC
- 10:00 - 10:30 AM **Break - visit Virtual Exhibit Hall**
- 10:30 - 11:30 AM **COVID-19 Compensability**
Patrick O'Connell, M.D., Sentinel Primary Care, Raleigh, NC; Edward L. Pauley, Attorney at Law, Wallace & Graham, P.A., Salisbury, NC; Jennifer V. Ruiz, Attorney at Law, Hedrick Gardner Kincheloe & Garofalo, LLP, Raleigh, NC.
- 11:30 - 1:00 PM **Lunch Break - visit Virtual Exhibit Hall**
- 1:00 - 2:00 PM **Case Law Update**
Vernon Sumwalt, Attorney at Law, The Sumwalt Group, Charlotte, NC; Bruce A. Hamilton, Attorney at Law, Teague Campbell Dennis & Gorham, LLP, Raleigh, NC