

The Rhode Island Workers' Compensation Educational Conference 2023

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April 27-28, 2023

Graduate Providence
(formerly Providence Biltmore Hotel)
Providence, Rhode Island

The International Workers' Compensation Foundation is a non-profit corporation dedicated to workers' compensation education and outreach.



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Who Should Attend?

All employers, employees, insurance companies, agents, healthcare organizations, third party administrators, managed care organizations, attorneys, researchers and students will receive valuable workers' compensation information at this Conference.

Registration Fee

The fees for attending this informative conference are:

\$400 Early bird registration on or before March 31, 2023

\$450 Registration thereafter

Registration fee includes Conference materials and special functions, including two continental breakfasts, one evening reception and one luncheon. Casual attire is appropriate for all functions.

Conference Location

GRADUATE PROVIDENCE (formerly Providence Biltmore Hotel)

11 Dorrance St. • Providence, RI 02903 • (401) 421-0700

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Conference group rate of \$149/night. **The rooms will be held through March 28, 2023**, unless this block becomes fully reserved prior to this date. Register early! Book online at tinyurl.com/RIconf23. Or call (401) 421-0700, choose Option 1, and give group code 2304IWCF23.

Materials

The Conference is paperless! Materials will be available to download via internet after the Conference. Please be sure to provide an accurate and legible email address when you register to assure receipt of the Conference information.

Continuing Education

Participants may be eligible for continuing education credits for Conference attendance. Application pending for up to 10 hours of Rhode Island CLE credit for attorneys; and up to 8.5 hours of SHRM credit for human resources professionals; CE credits for insurance producers; and CDMS and CCM credits for rehabilitation providers. A certificate of attendance will be provided for other professional disciplines.

Cancellation and Refund Policy:

Registrants **cancelling their registrations** before 5 PM on April 15 will be entitled to a full refund of their registration fee. Substitution of personnel is recommended in lieu of cancellation after that date.

Program Schedule

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THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 2023

- 8:00 am – 9:00 am Registration and Continental Breakfast
- 9:00 am – 10:30 am **MANAGING PAIN: MAY THE CURE BE WITH YOU!**
Shiqiang “Chris” Tian, MD, University Orthopedics; Keith A. Perry, MD, Precision Pain Treatment Clinic; Joyce Martin, DC, APRN, QC, Kinetix; Moderator – The Honorable George J. Lazieh, State of Rhode Island Workers’ Compensation Court
- 10:30 am – 10:45 am **BREAK WITH EXHIBITORS**
- 10:45 am – 12:00 pm **OCCUPATIONAL INJURY CLAIMS: THIS IS THE WAY!**
Gregory Boyer, Esquire, Law Offices of Gregory L. Boyer; Andrew S. Caslowitz, Esquire, Rapoport DeGiovanni and Caslowitz; Moderator - The Honorable Michael J. Feeney, State of Rhode Island Workers’ Compensation Court
- 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm **CONFERENCE LUNCHEON - Rhode Island Workers’ Compensation System Overview**
Justin Moulton, CPCU, WCP, ARC, ARe, Speaker - Senior State Relations Executive, National Council on Compensation Insurance (NCCI).
- 1:00 pm – 1:30 pm **DESSERT WITH EXHIBITORS IN EXHIBITION AREA**
- 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm **3RD PARTY LIENS: THE GOOD, THE BAD, & THE HOLIDAY!**
Wesley G. Marshall, Commissioner, Virginia Workers’ Compensation Commission; Michael S. Schwartz, Esquire, State of Rhode Island Workers’ Compensation Court; Michael St. Pierre, Esquire, Revens, Revens, St. Pierre & Wyllie, P.C.; Moderator – The Honorable Susan Pepin-Fay, State of Rhode Island Workers’ Compensation Court
- 2:30 pm – 2:45 pm **BREAK WITH EXHIBITORS**
- 2:45 pm – 4:00 pm **“YOUR PLACE OR MINE?” ISSUES WITH REMOTE WORKSPACE**
Deborah G. Kohl, Esquire, The Law Offices of Deborah G. Kohl; Joelle Hays, Esquire, Morrison Mahoney LLP; William Gardner, IV, Esquire, Izzo, Gardner & Moran LLP; Angelo R. Simone, Esquire, Simone & McCahey, LLP; Moderator – The Honorable Kevin B. Reall, State of Rhode Island Workers’ Compensation Court
- 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm **BREAKOUTS**
THE INS AND OUTS OF WORKERS’ COMPENSATION COURT (CHOOSE ONE WISELY)
- A. Best Practices INSIDE COURT!**
Nicholas Mancini, Esquire, Mancini Law LLC; Erica M. O’Connell, Esquire, Bianchi Brouillard Sousa & O’Connell, P.C.; Moderator – The Honorable Alfredo T. Conte, State of Rhode Island Workers’ Compensation Court
- B. Best Practices OUTSIDE COURT!**
Maryanne C. Kucia, Workers’ Compensation Claims Manager, RI Interlocal Risk Management Trust; Donna Normand, Claims Director, The Beacon Mutual Insurance Company; Moderator - Moira E. Reynolds, Esquire, Law Office of Kevin Flood
- 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm **NETWORKING RECEPTION**

FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 2023

- 8:00 am – 9:00 am **REGISTRATION & CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**
- 9:00 am – 9:50 am **THE DOCTOR IS IN! (LEND YOUR HANDS AND BEND YOUR ELBOWS)**
Eric Walsh, MD, CAQSH, FAAOS, Ortho Rhode Island; Moderator - The Honorable Keith A. Cardoza, State of Rhode Island Workers’ Compensation Court
- 9:50 am – 10:00 am **BREAK WITH EXHIBITORS**
- 10:00 am – 12:00 pm **BREAKOUTS (select A or B)**
THE YOGI BERRA SESSION: “WHEN YOU COME TO A FORK IN THE ROAD, TAKE IT.”
- A. ETHICAL LAWYERING (IT’S NOT AN OXYMORON!) “YOU CAN OBSERVE A LOT BY JUST WATCHING.”**
Kerry Reilly Travers, Esquire, Chief Disciplinary Counsel, Rhode Island Supreme Court
- B. ODDS & ENDS: “IF YOU DON’T KNOW WHERE YOU ARE GOING, YOU’LL END UP SOMEPLACE.”**
Elizabeth P. Fecteau, Esquire, System Director of Workers’ Compensation, Care New England; Jeffrey M. Liptrot, Esquire, Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith LLP; Jack R. DeGiovanni, Jr., Esquire, Rapoport, DeGiovanni & Caslowitz, Inc.; Moderator – The Honorable Steven A. Minicucci, State of Rhode Island Workers’ Compensation Court
- ADJOURN** **AND PLEASE REMEMBER: “IT AIN’T OVER TIL IT’S OVER!”**

Conference Registration Form

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1. **Payment by Credit Card** (MasterCard, VISA or American Express) - go to <https://www.iwcf.us/schedule> and scroll down to click on link to Register Online under RHODE ISLAND.
2. **Payment by Check** Complete, copy and return this form, along with a check made payable to the IWCF (International Workers' Compensation Foundation, Inc.) and mail to IWCF, 570 Memorial Circle, Suite 320, Ormond Beach, FL 32174.

Name: _____
(Please PRINT name as you wish it to appear on your name tag)

Business Name: _____ Title: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Area of Interest: Employer Employee Insurer Attorney Health Care Provider Other: _____

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SPECIAL NEEDS - Individuals attending the conference who may need auxiliary aids or special services are requested to provide notice of their needs in writing no later than 10 working days before the Conference so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

DRESS CODE - Casual clothing is appropriate for all events.

*For further information contact the IWCF at (386) 677-0041, Fax (386) 677-0155
or email comconference@iwcf.us.*

Net proceeds from this event, if any, go to the International Workers' Compensation Foundation (FEIN# 35-1737364), a non-profit organization, to further its work in workers' compensation education and outreach.

Exhibitor / Sponsorship Registration Form

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ATTENTION EXHIBITORS

Fee of \$800 includes two (2) complimentary registrations for exhibitor representatives. A separate registration form should be completed for each additional registrant. Space is offered on a first come, first served basis and will only be reserved upon our receipt of your registration form. For additional information regarding exhibit area, contact the IWCF at (386) 677-0041. Booth set-up will be in the exhibitor area on Thurs., Apr. 27th, 7 AM - 8 AM. Tear-down will be on Fri., Apr. 28th, 12:00 PM. Reception, continental breakfasts and refreshment breaks will be held in the Exhibition area. Registration fee includes one 6' draped table and two chairs. Full fee forfeiture if unable to attend.

EXHIBITOR INSURANCE/HOLD HARMLESS CLAUSE

Exhibitor assumes entire responsibility and hereby agrees to protect, indemnify, defend, save and hold harmless the International Workers' Compensation Foundation (IWCF), its employees and agents, Chelsea Place Meetings and its employees and agents, and the Graduate Providence (*formerly Providence Biltmore Hotel*) against all claims, losses and damages to persons or property, governmental charges or fines and attorney fees arising out of or caused by exhibitor's installation, removal, maintenance, occupancy or use of the exhibition premises or part thereof, excluding any such liability caused by the sole negligence or concurrent comparative negligence of the Graduate Providence (*formerly Providence Biltmore Hotel*) and its employees and agents, Chelsea Place Meetings and its employees and agents, as well as the IWCF, its members, employees and agents.

In addition, exhibitor acknowledges that the Graduate Providence (*formerly Providence Biltmore Hotel*), Chelsea Place Meetings, and the IWCF do not maintain insurance covering exhibitors' property or potential liabilities and that it is the sole responsibility of the exhibitor to obtain business interruption insurance, property damage insurance and liability insurance covering such losses by exhibitor. Exhibitor shall obtain and keep in force during the term of the installation and use of the exhibit premises, policies of comprehensive general liability insurance and contractual liability insurance and specifically referring to contractual liability set forth in the foregoing paragraphs hereof, in an amount not less than \$1,000,000 combined single limit for personal injury and property damage. Graduate Providence (*formerly Providence Biltmore Hotel*), Chelsea Place Meetings, and the IWCF shall be included in such policies as additionally named insureds for this convention only.

AUTHORIZED

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY

You are invited to register as a sponsor for the 2023 Rhode Island Workers' Compensation Educational Conference. The following sponsorship levels are available:

Diamond: \$2,500 Contribution

- 4 Complimentary Attendee Registrations.
- Organization name, logo and contact information will appear in conference program.
- Organization name will appear on a large "Thank You Sponsor" sign in exhibit area.

Gold: \$1,000 Contribution

- 1 Complimentary Attendee Registration.
- Organization name, logo and contact information will appear in conference program.
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Silver: \$500 Contribution

- Organization name will appear on a large "Thank You Sponsor" sign in exhibit area.

CHECK ONE OR MORE CATEGORIES:

EXHIBITOR

SPONSORSHIP: Diamond Gold Silver

Company Name: _____

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EXHIBITORS & DIAMOND SPONSORS ONLY

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Title: _____

Email Address: _____

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Comp Registrant #3 & #4:

Please copy this page for additional names

Two registration options are available for exhibitors and gold and silver sponsors

1. Payment by Credit Card (MasterCard, VISA or American Express) - go to <https://www.iwcf.us/schedule>. Scroll down to RHODE ISLAND and click on link to sign up online.
2. Payment by Check Complete, copy and return this form, along with a check made payable to the IWCF (International Workers' Compensation Foundation, Inc.) and mail to IWCF, 570 Memorial Circle, Suite 320, Ormond Beach, FL 32174.

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