



SCHEDULE OF SESSIONS

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2023

- 12:45 **Opening Remarks**
Philip Baddour, Chair, NCIC
Kids' Chance of North Carolina, Inc.
Kara Faust, President, Kids' Chance of North Carolina, Inc., Colfax, NC
- 1:00 **Emerging Trends in Minimally Invasive Procedures: Comparing Recovery Time and Return to Work Outcomes with Traditional Spine Surgeries**
T. Brent Chafin, M.D., ECU Health, Ahoskie, NC; Thomas Lamm, Ricci Law Firm, Greenville, NC; Lindsay Underwood, Teague Campbell Dennis & Gorham, LLP, Raleigh, NC
- 2:00 **Full Commission, Deputy Commissioner, and Dispute Resolution Updates and Insights**
Tammy Nance, Chief Deputy Commissioner, NCIC; April Gladkin, Full Commission Chief Administrative Officer and Lead Counsel, NCIC
- 3:00 **Break - Visit Exhibit Hall**
- 3:15 **You Be the Judge!: An Interactive Presentation Based on Real Life Fact Patterns**
Larry Baker, Willson Jones Carter & Baxley, PA, Charlotte, NC; Cameron Simmons, Cameron Simmons Law, Wilmington, NC; Stephanie Gay, Aegis Administrative Services, Inc., Raleigh, NC
- 4:15 **Hand and Upper Extremity Conditions Involving the Peripheral Nerves: Diagnosis, Treatment, and Compensability under G.S. § 97-53**
Zhongyu "John" Li, M.D., Ph.D., Professor of Orthopedic Surgery & Rehabilitation, Wake Forest University School of Medicine, Winston-Salem, NC; Michael Bertics, Lennon, Camak & Bertics, PLLC, Raleigh, NC; John Tomei, Teague Campbell Dennis & Gorham, LLP, Raleigh, NC
- 5:15 **Adjourn / Reception Begins**
Kids' Chance Silent Auction
- 6:15 **Reception Ends**

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2023

- 8:00 **Continental Breakfast**
Concurrent Break-Out Sessions:
- 9:00 **Break-Out Sessions - Choose one (1) session of two (2) listed below**
I. For Efficiency's Sake: Productivity Hacks and Technology Tips for Lawyers and Other Professionals
(Fulfills 1 hour Technology credit for attorneys)
Catherine Sanders Reach, North Carolina Bar Association, Raleigh, NC
II. Yes, I Can... or Can I?: Ethical Considerations for Rehabilitation Professionals in Workers' Compensation Cases
(Fulfills Ethics requirement for CCM and CDMS)
Vicki Hewitt, Rehabilitation Nurse Consultant, NCIC; Jodie Nolf, Nolf Case Management & Consulting, LLC, Raleigh, NC
- 10:00 **Break - Visit Exhibit Hall**
- 10:20 **Break-Out Sessions - Choose one (1) session of two (2) listed below**
I. Survey and Discussion of North Carolina State Bar Ethics Opinions About Workers' Compensation Issues
(Fulfills 1 hour Ethics credit for attorneys)
Nichole McLaughlin, North Carolina State Bar, Raleigh, NC; S. Neal Camak, Lennon, Camak & Bertics, PLLC, Raleigh, NC; Jack Holmes, McAngus Goudelock & Courie, LLC, Raleigh, NC
II. Practical Tips from Claims Administration and the Clerk's Office
Brittany Walton, Director of Claims Administration, NCIC; Emily Baucom, Clerk of the Industrial Commission, NCIC

- 11:20 **Break-Out Sessions - Choose one (1) session of two (2) listed below**
I. Motions and Agreements before the Executive Secretary's Office: Rules and Practice Tips
Meredith Henderson, Executive Secretary, NCIC; Kimberly Fennell, Special Deputy Commissioner, NCIC; Carrie Geddie, Special Deputy Commissioner, NCIC; Alexandra Hagerty, Special Deputy Commissioner, NCIC; Michael Kelly, Special Deputy Commissioner, NCIC; Tony Lucas, Special Deputy Commissioner, NCIC; Jessica Parker, Special Deputy Commissioner, NCIC
II. Helping Claimants from Diverse Backgrounds Navigate the Workers' Compensation System
Jacob Goad, Law Office of Jacob Goad, Durham, NC; Aurora Niebla-Mendoza, Genex Services, LLC, Raleigh, NC; Rudy Calderon, Precision Language Services, Durham, NC
- 12:20 **Luncheon (included)**
- 1:45 **Break-Out Sessions - Choose one (1) session of two (2) listed below**
I. Look Who's Talking: Ethical Considerations and Best Practices for Communications in Workers' Compensation Cases
(Fulfills 1 hour Ethics credit for attorneys and adjusters)
Richard Harper, The Harper Law Firm, PLLC, Sylva, NC; Brian Groesser, Midkiff, Munchie & Ross PC, Raleigh, NC; Eileen Townsend, North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, Raleigh, NC
II. Recipe for a Successful Mediation
(Fulfills 1 Hour CME Credit for Mediators)
Kate Deiter-Maradei, Deiter Mediation, Raleigh, NC; James Young, Miles Mediation & Arbitration, Charlotte, NC; Pete Singh, Fourscore Business Law, Raleigh, NC
- 2:45 **Break - Visit Exhibit Hall**
- 3:00 **Break-Out Sessions - Choose one (1) session of two (2) listed below**
I. Getting Lost in Our Own Lives
(Fulfills 1 hour Substance Abuse and Mental Health credit for attorneys)
Benjamin Brown, Jr., North Carolina Lawyer Assistance Program Volunteer, Raleigh, NC
II. Can You Hear Me?: A Mock Deputy Commissioner Hearing Plus Practical Tips
Lori Gaines, Deputy Commissioner, NCIC; Jesse "Jay" Tillman, Deputy Commissioner, NCIC; Anne Harris, Deputy Commissioner, NCIC; Elias Admassu, Deputy Commissioner, NCIC
- 4:00 **Adjourn**

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2023

- 8:00 **Continental Breakfast**
- 9:00 **Pain Management and Rehabilitation of Brain and Head Injuries**
Shilpa Kasuganti, M.D., The Rehab Center, Charlotte, NC; Cathy Pope, North Carolina Office of State Human Resources, Raleigh, NC; Kathleen DuBois, CR Legal Team LLP, Greensboro, NC
- 10:00 **Break - Visit Exhibit Hall**
- 10:30 **Case Law Update and JeoParody!**
Heather Baker, Teague Campbell Dennis & Gorham, LLP, Raleigh, NC; Vernon Sumwalt, The Sumwalt Group, Charlotte, NC. (With JeoParody special guest: Commissioner Wanda Blanche Taylor, NCIC)
- 12:30 **Adjourn**