



SCHEDULE OF SESSIONS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

- 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 **Workplace Spinal Injuries in Employees with Pre-Existing Degenerative Conditions**
Gurvinder Deol, M.D., Wake Orthopaedics, Raleigh, NC; Susan Briggs, Quintairo, Prieto, Wood & Boyer P.A., Charlotte, NC; Trey Collier, Collier Law PLLC, Charlotte, NC
- 2:00 **A View from the Bench: Death Claims; Average Weekly Wage Issues; Medical Causation and Competency of Expert Medical Testimony; and Proof of Disability Following Release to Work with Restrictions**
Kevin Howell, Chief Deputy Commissioner, NCIC; Michelle Denning, Deputy Commissioner, NCIC; Thomas Perlungher, Deputy Commissioner, NCIC; Wes Saunders, Deputy Commissioner, 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, P.A., Charlotte, NC; Annemarie Pantazis, Wilder Pantazis Law Group, Charlotte, NC; Stephanie Gay, Aegis Administrative Services, Inc., Raleigh, NC
- 4:15 **Best Practices for Communicating with Physicians in Workers' Compensation Claims**
Sameer Mathur, M.D., Cary Orthopaedics, Cary, NC; Brian Szura, M.D., Cary Orthopaedics, Cary, NC; Kristine Prati, Wilson Ratledge, PLLC, Raleigh, NC; Hunter Eddins-Gentel, Ricci Law Firm, Raleigh, NC
- 5:15 **Adjourn / Reception Begins**
Kids' Chance Silent Auction
- 6:15 **Reception Ends**

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2024

- 8:00 **Continental Breakfast**
Concurrent Break-Out Sessions:
- 9:00 **Break-Out Sessions - Choose one (1) session of two (2) listed below**
I. Appellate Law Practice Tips
Judge Allegra Collins, North Carolina Court of Appeals; Judge April Wood, North Carolina Court of Appeals; Angela Farag Craddock, Young Moore and Henderson, P.A., Raleigh, NC; Narendra Ghosh, Patterson Harkavy, LLP, Chapel Hill, NC
II. An Ethical Perspective of the NCIC Rehabilitation Rules
(Fulfills Ethics requirement for CCM, CRC, 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 one (1) hour Ethics credit for attorneys)
Nichole McLaughlin, North Carolina State Bar, Raleigh, NC; Jarvis Harris, Law Offices of James Scott Farrin, Greensboro, NC; Jerri Simmons, Cranfill Sumner, LLP, Charlotte, NC
II. Update from the Executive Secretary's Office
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; Jessica Parker, Special Deputy Commissioner, NCIC

- 11:20 **Break-Out Sessions - Choose one (1) session of two (2) listed below**
I. ICMS Update and Tips
(Fulfills one (1) hour Technology credit for attorneys)
Tim Frost, Chief Information Officer, NCIC; Meredith Henderson, Executive Secretary, NCIC; Emily Baucom, Clerk of the Industrial Commission, NCIC
II. New Medicare Mandatory Reporting Requirements of Workers' Compensation Claim Data
John Cattie, Jr., Cattie & Gonzalez, PLLC, Charlotte, NC; Shannon Metcalf, Hedrick Gardner Kincheloe & Garofalo LLP, Charlotte, NC; Kathleen Glancy, Law Offices of Kathleen Shannon Glancy, P.A., Wilmington, NC
- 12:20 **Lunch (included)**
- 1:45 **Break-Out Sessions - Choose one (1) session of two (2) listed below**
I. Getting By With A Little Help From Our Friends
(Fulfills one (1) hour Substance Abuse and Mental Health credit for attorneys)
Candace Hoffman, North Carolina Lawyer Assistance Program, Raleigh, NC; Warren Savage, Lawyers Mutual Insurance Company, Cary, NC
II. Artificial Intelligence
April Dawson, Associate Dean of Technology and Innovation and Professor, North Carolina Central University School of Law, Durham, NC
- 2:45 **Break - Visit Exhibit Hall**
- 3:00 **Break-Out Sessions - Choose one (1) session of two (2) listed below**
I. A Medley of Ethics Dilemmas
(Fulfills one (1) hour Ethics credit for attorneys and adjusters)
Scarlette Gardner, Director of Safety, Health and Workers' Compensation, North Carolina Office of State Human Resources, Raleigh, NC; Kevin Bunn, Kevin Bunn Attorney at Law PC, Cary, NC; Dawn Steadman, Vice President of Claims, Specialized Contract Administrators, Colfax, NC
II. A Refresher and Update on I.C. Mediation Rules and DRC Standards and Advisory Opinions
(Fulfills one (1) hour Mediator credit (CME))
Collins Barwick, DRC Certified Mediator, Raleigh, NC; Jackie Clare, DRC Certified Mediator, Raleigh, NC; Tom Clare, DRC Certified Mediator, Raleigh, NC
- 4:00 **Adjourn**

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2024

- 8:00 **Continental Breakfast**
- 9:00 **Utilizing Retraining and Education to Help Injured Workers Successfully Return to Suitable Work**
Anthony Caison, Vice President of Workforce Continuing Education, Wake Technical Community College, Raleigh, NC; Dana Leonard, Willson Jones Carter & Baxley, P.A., Raleigh, NC; Heather Hodgman Jahnes, Hodgman, Rowlett & Jahnes, P.A., Greensboro, NC; Amy Kelly, Senior Vocational Case Manager, GENEX Services, Inc., Charlotte, NC
- 10:00 **Break - Visit Exhibit Hall**
- 10:30 **Back to the Basics: Injuries by Accident and Specific Traumatic Incidents**
Martha Ramsay, Ramsay Law Firm, P.A., Charlotte, NC; Daniel Pope, Jr., Wilson Ratledge, PLLC, Raleigh, NC
- 11:30 **Workers' Compensation Appellate Case Law Update**
Stewart Poisson, Poisson, Poisson & Bower, PLLC, Wadesboro, NC; Kyla Block, Teague Campbell Dennis & Gorham, LLP, Raleigh, NC
- 12:30 **Adjourn**