

#### **2025 ICA Worker' Compensation Claims Seminar**

#### **Arizona's Premier Workers' Compensation Education Event**

### August 21, 2025, Thursday Session Schedule

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Session	Salon B	Salon E	Salon N	Salon J	Salon L	
8:00-9:00	Check-In & Continental Breakfast					
1 9:00-10:20 ADJUSTING OVERVIEW*		HEARING PROCESS	SCHEDULED PERMANENT DISABILITY*	MEDICAL RESOURCE OFFICE UPDATE	LEARNING FROM ADOSH (COMPLIANCE)	
10:20-10:40		Refres	shment Break with the	Sponsors		
2 10:40- 12:00	AVERAGE MONTHLY WAGE CALCULATIONS*	COMPENSABILITY	UNSCHEDULED PERMANENT DISABILITY*	GOOD FAITH CLAIMS MANAGEMENT	PETITION TO REOPEN	
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12:00-1:30	Lunch served in Ballroom					
3 1:30- 2:50	SCHEDULED PERMANENT DISABILITY* (repeat)	COMPENSABILITY (repeat)	HEARING PROCESS (repeat)	MEDICAL RESOURCE OFFICE UPDATE (repeat)	LEARNING FROM ADOSH (CONSULTATION & CLAIMS)	
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2:50-3:10	Refreshment Break with the Sponsors					
4 3:10- 4:30	UNSCHEDULED PERMANENT DISABILITY* (repeat)	ADJUSTING OVERVIEW* (repeat)	GOOD FAITH CLAIMS MANAGEMENT (repeat)	AVERAGE MONTHLY WAGE CALCULATIONS* (repeat)	LABOR	
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New Arizona Adjuster	Experienced Arizona	Employer	Nurse Case Manager	Legal/Attornev	
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## **Course Descriptions**

Course Title	Adjusting Overview*	Average Monthly Wage Calculations *	Hearing Process	Petition to Reopen	Good Faith Claims Management
Instructor(s)	Ruby Tate Claims Manager	Sydney Standifird Asst Claims Manager Chad Saunders Field Claims Specialists, Strategic Comp	C. Andrew Campbell Chief Administrative Law Judge	Robert Wisniewski Attorney The Law Offices of Robert E. Wisniewski Todd Lundmark Attorney Lundmark, Barberich, La Mont & Puig, P.C.	Kevin Karges, Attorney Lundmark, Barberich, La Mont & Puig, P.C. Eric Awerkamp, Attorney Awerkamp Law
Description	How to comply with the AZ statutes, the role of the ICA and other essentials of AZ Jurisdiction.	A deep dive into calculating Average Monthly Wage	Essentials for claims in hearing presented by the Chief and Vice Chief of the ALJ Division	Review for reopening, concepts and case laws	Two prominent AZ attorneys discuss how to optimize good faith and minimize bad faith/unfair claims processing.

Course Title	Labor	OSHA Reporting & Learning from ADOSH Fatalities	Scheduled Permanent Disability *	Unscheduled Permanent Disability *	Compensability	Medical Resource Office Update
Instructor(s)	Melissa Spurgeon Director Labor Christina Lasater Investigator III David Baugh Customer Service Supervisor	Brian Hudson Adosh Director Phil Murphy Deputy Director of Compliance Leland Wittman Adosh-CET Supervisor	Tina Brown Business Analyst Amanda Utter Sr Claims Adjuster AZ School Alliance for WC	Audrika Gavins Asst Claims Manager Lynell Brown Sr. Claims Adjuster Amerisure	Kelly Kruegel, Attorney Ritsema Law Javier Grajeda, Managing Attorney Grajeda Weinstein	Valerie Ruiz Program Manager, MRO
Description	Learn about how workers' compensation and labor laws overlap. Ger existing information about Unpaid wage laws and Sick Time	Join the ADOSH Director in two classes to learn about OSHA's Compliance (9:00 am) and Consultation Program(1:30). A must for all safety & Human Resources	Review of ARS § 23-1044(B) (1-22) including how to rate	Overview of ARS § 23- 1044(C-D) including postinjury earning considerations and maximizing apportionment.	Two prominent AZ attorneys review important legal concepts and case law.	Treatment Guidelines, Authorization Process and Fee Schedule Discussion.

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#### August 22, 2025, Friday Session Schedule

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Session	
8:00-9:00	Check-In & Continental Breakfast
9:00-9:10	WELCOME ACTIVITY
9:10-9:30	STATE OF THE ICA Gaetano Testini, Executive Deputy Director Dennis Kavanaugh, Industrial Commission of Arizona Chairman
9:30-10:00	WHAT'S NEW WITH OMBUDSMAN Harriet Turney, Ombudsman
10:00-10:30	Refreshment Break with the Sponsors
10:30- 11:30	COMORBIDITY AND PSYCHOSOCIAL INFLUENCES ON WORKERS' COMPENSATION CLAIMS Dr. Vennela Thumula, Workers Compensation Research Institute (WCRI)
11:30-12:30	Lunch and Return
12:30- 1:30	LEGAL UPDATES Afshan Peimani, ICA Chief Counsel David Lundmark, Lundmark, Barberich, La Mont & Puig, P.C.; & Nicholas Whitley, Taylor & Associates
1:30-2:30	IMPACT OF COMORBIDITIES ON W/C CLAIMS Dr. Amit Sahasrabudhe
2:30- 3:00	ICA FORM FRENZY Ruby Tate, Claims Manager
3:00- 3:30	CLOSING REMARKS & PRIZE DRAWING