

33rd Annual DWC Educational Conference
Los Angeles Airport Marriott – March 19 – 20, 2026

Day 1	Marquis 1-2	Marquis 3-4	Imperial D-E-F	Aviation Ballroom
9:30 - 12:30 PM	Registration – Los Angeles 1 and California 1			
12:30 - 1:00 PM	Welcoming and Opening presentation – Marquis Ballroom <i>DWC Chief Judge Paige Levy and DIR Director Jennifer Osborn</i>			
1:00 - 2:00 PM	DWC Update <i>Richardson</i>	Audit Update and Trends for 2026 <i>Fenimore, Howard, Torres, Bajaj & Gunter</i>	Case Law Update I <i>Levy & Kahn</i>	Unique Aspects of Psychiatric Claims <i>Kirz, Dombchik</i>
2:15 - 3:15 PM	How Disability Evaluation Unit (DEU) Addresses Some Spinal and Upper Extremity Misconceptions <i>Hampton, Ali (Oak) & Ha (LA)</i>	Risk Managers' Roundtable: Aligning Incentives with Outcomes in Workers' Compensation <i>Zachry, Robinson & Novoa</i>	Case Law Update II <i>Levy & Kahn</i>	Good, Bad, and Ugly of Artificial Intelligence in Health Care and Workers' Compensation <i>Brigham, Castro, Almazan (Oak) & Wilson (LA)</i>

33rd Annual DWC Educational Conference Los Angeles Airport Marriott – March 19 – 20, 2026

Day 1	Marquis 1-2	Marquis 3-4	Imperial D-E-F	Aviation Ballroom
3:30 - 4:30 PM	Social Media, Surveillance, and Early Intervention: Modern Workers' Compensation Claims Solutions <i>Zachry & Bartholomew</i>	Utilization Review Fundamentals and Upcoming Reforms <i>Sung & Govindarao</i>	Top Litigation Tips <i>Gogerman & DeWeese</i>	Apportionment- Discussion of Statutes, Case Law and Tips for Developing Material Evidence <i>Christine & Marcus</i>
4:30 - 6:00 PM	Reception – No Host Bar			

Day 2	Marquis 1-2	Marquis 3-4	Imperial D-E-F	Aviation Ballroom
8:30 - 9:30 AM	State of the Art: AI in Workers' Compensation - National Perspective <i>Brigham, Almazan, Wen, Tainton, Pew (Oak) & Wilson (LA)</i>	A Blueprint for Claims Excellence (Workers' Compensation Claims Best Practices) <i>Guibert, Sousa, Jokerst (Oak), Daniels (LA), Taylor (LA), & Brewer (Oak)</i>	Case Law Update I <i>Levy & Kahn</i>	Rx for the Future: Medical Perspectives on Workers' Comp Challenges <i>Das & Nguyen</i>

33rd Annual DWC Educational Conference Los Angeles Airport Marriott – March 19 – 20, 2026

Day 2	Marquis 1-2	Marquis 3-4	Imperial D-E-F	Aviation Ballroom
9:45 - 10:45 AM	<p>Current Research Findings in the California Workers' Compensation System</p> <p><i>Baum, Widener-Brightwell (Oak) & Carstensen</i></p>	<p>Before and After Patterson: Rodriguez - Post Award Medical Care and UR/IMR Matters</p> <p><i>Fischer & Fudem</i></p>	<p>Case Law Update II</p> <p><i>Levy & Kahn</i></p>	<p>Med/Legal Report Writing</p> <p><i>Da Silva, Rassp & Feinberg</i></p>
11:00 – 12:00 PM	<p>The Great California Workers' Compensation Game Show</p> <p><i>Baum, Widener-Brightwell (Oak) & Swedlow (LA)</i></p>	<p>Stakeholder Collaboration on Return to Work in Workers' Compensation</p> <p><i>Spears & Rios</i></p>	<p>Women in Law & Business: Great Leaders and their Experiences, Inspirational Stories</p> <p><i>Levy, Osborne, Asio Booz, Garcia-Brower & Lee</i></p>	<p>The Impact of Degenerative & Comorbid Conditions in Workers' Compensation Claims</p> <p><i>Tang (Oak), Sousa, Patel (LA) & Guibert</i></p>
12:00 – 1:00 PM	LUNCH			
1:15 – 2:15 PM	<p>The Explosion of Cumulative Trauma Claims – What Is Happening, and Why?</p> <p><i>Pollak, Frost & Eaton</i></p>	<p>Ground Truth in AI: Ensuring Trust, Explainability, and Effective Human-AI Collaboration in Workers' Compensation</p> <p><i>Hanson</i></p>	<p>Professional Conduct and Best Practices Handling Workers' Compensation Cases and Medical-Legal Evaluations</p> <p><i>Spitzer & Pandya</i></p>	<p>Chronic Pain Evaluation and Treatment</p> <p><i>Hegwer, Post, Feinberg & Bokarius</i></p>



33rd Annual DWC Educational Conference
Los Angeles Airport Marriott – March 19 – 20, 2026

Day 2	Marquis 1-2	Marquis 3-4	Imperial D-E-F	Aviation Ballroom
2:30 – 3:30 PM	Fraud in the Workers' Compensation System <i>Murphy & Marrone</i>	Understanding Claims for Death Benefits <i>Dehn & Ozeda</i>	Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Labor Codes 3201.5 & 3201.7 What Is It? How Will It Benefit You? <i>Nobriga, Friedrichsen, Siemers, Shogren-Lies & Guerrero</i>	What's New in the MTUS-ACOEM Guidelines: Updates, Tools, and Practical Insights <i>Shannon, Besh & Israel</i>