

Schedule

DAY 1

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2026				
12:30-12:45	Welcome Session - Grand Ballroom A			
12:45-1:45	Case Law & Statutory Update: <i>VWC Commissioners</i> - Grand Ballroom A			
2:15-3:15	Surgery with Live Narration: <i>Herzog</i> - Grand Ballroom A			
3:45-4:45	Control Freaks: Employee or Independent Contractor? Miller, Marshall	Cultural Diversity: An Ethics Perspective Wilberding	Beyond the Claim: The Human Behind the Injury (Repeat) Morgan	Addressing Return-to-Work Concerns After Traumatic Brain Injury (Repeat) Larson
4:45-6:00	EVENING RECEPTION - GRAND BALLROOM BC			
Network  Unwind				

DAY 2

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2026				
8:30 - 9:30	Ombuds: A Day in the Life D'Angelo, Amoroso, Forsythe	Psychological Treatment of Chronic Pain (Repeat) Martin	CMS Audits - How to Defend Against Civil Monetary Penalties! Allan	Cell Health Optimization to Promote Healing & Job Performance (Repeat) DePalma
9:45 - 10:45	How Data Centers, Apps & AI Impact Comp Hearings Laundau	MFS: Navigating the Fee Schedule & More VWC Panel	Electrical Injuries: A Shocking Update Zasler	Rethinking Neck & Back Injuries Glick
11:00 - 12:00	Meditation/Mindfulness Session Martin	MFS: Navigating the Fee Schedule & More VWC Panel	Successful Strategies for Navigating CMS Updates Shymanski	Addressing Return-to-Work Concerns After Traumatic Brain Injury (Repeat) Larson
12:00-1:00	Lunch			
1:00 - 2:00	MSP: What Works and Where AI Fits Pigeon	Thank You for Holding: An Evolution of Comp Wilson	Beyond the Claim: The Human Behind the Injury (Repeat) Morgan	From Injury to MMI: A Hand Surgeon's Roadmap (Repeat) Galpern
2:15 - 3:15	Managing Imposter Syndrome to Thrive in the Legal Profession Mardigian	Thank You for Holding: An Evolution of Comp (Repeat) Wilson	Beyond the Claim: The Human Behind the Injury (Repeat) Morgan	From Injury to MMI: A Hand Surgeon's Roadmap (Repeat) Galpern
3:30 - 4:30	Emotional Intelligence in Ethical & Competent Lawyering Mardigian	Psychological Treatment of Chronic Pain (Repeat) Martin	Successful Strategies for Navigating CMS Updates (Repeat) Shymanski	Cell Health Optimization to Promote Healing & Job Performance (Repeat) DePalma

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Materials

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