

## Workers' Compensation Hearings Survey

(1) Why did you go to trial instead of settling your claim? *(Please check all that apply.)*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> I was not offered a settlement.<br><input type="checkbox"/> The settlement offered was not good enough.<br><input type="checkbox"/> I thought I had a good chance to win at a trial.<br><input type="checkbox"/> I wanted my case to be heard.<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> I thought it would be a fair way to end the dispute.<br><input type="checkbox"/> I thought it was the best way to get my benefits. |
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(2) Did your attorney explain that you had a choice to go to trial or seek a settlement?

- Yes    No    Don't remember

(3) Did you feel any pressure to settle your claim or go to trial?

- Yes    No    Don't remember

If "Yes," how much pressure did you feel from:

	Pressure to SETTLE			Pressure to GO to TRIAL		
	None	Some	A lot	None	Some	A lot
(a) Your employer	<input type="checkbox"/>					
(b) Worker's comp insurer	<input type="checkbox"/>					
(c) Your attorney	<input type="checkbox"/>					
(d) Your family	<input type="checkbox"/>					
(e) Medical or rehab providers	<input type="checkbox"/>					

(4) Before you went to trial, how well did you understand the cash benefits, medical services and vocational rehabilitation services you might win at a trial?

- Very well    Mostly    Some    Not at all    Don't remember

(5) Before you went to trial, did your attorney talk about your chances of winning at a trial?

- Yes    No    Don't remember

(6) If you were doing it all over, would you settle your claim or go to trial?

- Settle    Go to trial    I was not offered a settlement    Not sure

(7) What else would you like to have known before you went to trial?

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(8) Are you employed right now?    Yes    No

If "Yes," how does your current pay compare to your pre-injury pay?

- Much more    A little more    About the same    A little less    Much less

(9) How has your medical condition related to your injury changed since your trial?

- Improved    No change    Gotten worse

(10) Do you think the judge's ruling was fair?    Yes    No    Not sure

Please explain your answer:

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(11) Do you have any other comments about how the workers' comp system handles disputes?

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