



Topics and speakers for 2015 Workers' Compensation Summit

General sessions

Ken Peterson, Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry, Commissioner

Bob Wilson, President and CEO, WorkersCompensation.com

Dick Beardsley, Inspirational Speaker

Susan Brower, Minnesota State Demographic Center, State Demographer

Breakout sessions

Judges Panel

- Judges David Stofferahn and Deb Sundquist, Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals; and two judges (to be determined), Office of Administrative Hearings

Electronic Medical Records

- Judge Patty Milun, Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals

Medical Marijuana

- Mark Pew

2014 Minnesota Workers' Compensation System Report

- David Berry and Brian Zaidman, Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry, Research and Statistics

CompScope Medical Benchmarks for Minnesota

- Sharon Belton, Workers' Compensation Research Institute

MWCIA – State of the Market; rates and codes

- Craig Anderson and Jen Glywasky, Minnesota Workers' Compensation Insurers Association, Inc.

Intervention Claims

- Kris Wittwer, Wittwer Syverson, P.A.

Labor Market Trends

- Cameron Maucht, Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development

Functional Capacity Evaluations

- Wayne Erickson, Big Stone Therapies

Legal Update

- Lorrie Bescheinen and Barb Heck

Minimally Invasive Spine Surgery

- Dr. David Strothman, Institute for Low Back and Neck Care

Workers' Compensation Around the United States

- Brian Allen, PMS/Helios

Cousineau McGuire Law Firm

- Jennifer Fitzgerald, Whitney Teel and Natalie Lund, Cousineau McGuire

The Mediation Tsunami

- Moderator Keith Mauer, Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry, Alternative Dispute Resolution; and panelists Judge Adam Wolkoff, Office of Administrative Hearings; Charlene Feenstra; Mike Forde; and Lorrie Bescheinen

DRG and Medical Costs

- Speaker to be determined

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