



NWCEF Annual Meeting & Educational Seminar

February 18, 2022
Mahoney State Park
8:30am – 12:30pm

8:00 – 8:30 am | Registration

8:30 – 8:35 am | Opening Remarks, Dallas Jones, NWCEF President

8:35 – 9:20 am | Speaker: Paul Barta, Baylor Evnen, LLP

Take the Helm: Navigating Workers' Compensation Claims—an Interactive Presentation

This interactive session will educate attendees on various workers' compensation issues that employers and insurers face on a daily basis. Participants will be able to virtually test their knowledge through a series of scenarios from actual cases to prepare themselves for the real world. Be sure to bring your smart device.

9:20 – 9:50 am | Speakers: Derek Wright & Jay Gates, Gallagher

Nebraska Workers' Compensation Insurance Update

Nebraska Workers' Compensation Insurance update: An overview of 2022 Rate and claims trends, the impact of COVID-19 on rate and loss factors, and the overall health of the market for Workers' Compensation risk transfer options.

9:50 – 10:10 am | Break

10:10 – 10:40 am | Speakers: Roger Moore, Rehm, Bennett, Moore & Rehm & Eric Sutton, Baylor Evnen, LLP

Why Injured Workers Call Legal Counsel and What Can Be Done to Minimize Unnecessary Disputes?

Roger Moore is a lawyer who exclusively represents injured workers (Boo! Hiss!). He and defense lawyer Eric Sutton will discuss common “mistakes” made by employers and insurers which often drive employees to seek legal counsel with practical everyday recommendations to avoid the same.

10:40 – 11:25 am | Speakers: Dr. Paul Conte, MD, Iowa Specialty Surgeons, Tom Shires, Baylor Evnen, LLP & Jodi Zmiewski LPN, Baylor Evnen, LLP

Effective Collaboration with Medical Experts: Providing the Proper Information for an Informed and Reliable Medical Opinion

More than in any other area affecting employers and employees, medical professionals are pivotal in the workers' compensation context. Their decisions largely drive the outcome (and the dollars involved) of any workers' compensation claim. Spend some time with our panel to discuss what is important to those professionals in reaching their decisions on causation, return to work, and everything in-between, to achieve the most informed and best outcomes.

11:25 – 11:35 am | Break

11:35 – 11:50 am | Speaker: Bob Hallstrom, NWCEF lobbyist and Executive Secretary, Senator Ben Hansen, Chair of the Business and Labor Committee (invited)

Legislative Update—A Review of the Legislative Bills Affecting the Workers' Compensation System, and a Discussion of Developments in the Business and Labor Committee

NWCEF's lobbyist is the leading spokesperson for employers' workers' compensation rights in the Nebraska Legislature. He and Senator Ben Hansen will preview this session's bills which impact workers' compensation, the status of those bills and the latest activity of the Business and Labor Committee.

11:50 – 12:10 pm | Speaker: Dallas Jones, Baylor Evnen, LLP

Case Law Update

Dallas Jones will bring you up to date on the most significant appellate and trial court cases impacting the workers' compensation system in the past year, and tell you what they mean to your business.

12:10 – 12:30 pm | Closing Remarks and Brief Membership Meeting