



**The Twenty-Fifth Annual North Carolina Workers' Compensation
Educational Conference • Virtual Conference
Tuesday - Friday, October 13-16, 2020 (Live Q&A)
Sessions Available Online After Initial Presentation Through October 30, 2020**

AGENDA

(Final schedule subject to change)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2020

- 9:00 - 9:15 AM **Opening Remarks**
Philip A. Baddour, Chair, NCIC
- 9:30 - 10:30 AM **2011 Legislative Changes and Extended
Compensation Claims Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat.
§ 97-29(c) (2019)**
*Margaret Shankle, Attorney at Law, Shankle Law Firm, PA,
Charlotte, NC; Jeff Kadis, Attorney at Law, Hedrick Gardner
Kincheloe & Garofalo, LLP, Charlotte, NC*
- 10:30 - 11:00 AM **Break - visit Virtual Exhibit Hall**
- 11:00 - 12:00 PM **Suitable Employment and Return to Work in 2020**
*Valerie Johnson, Attorney at Law, Johnson Groninger PLLC,
Durham, NC; W. Scott Fuller, Attorney at Law, Cranfill
Sumner & Hartzog LLP, Raleigh, NC*
- 12:00 - 1:00 PM **Lunch Break - visit Virtual Exhibit Hall**
- 1:00 - 2:00 PM **COVID-19 and Tele-Health in Workers' Compensation**
*Mark Pew, Senior Vice President, Preferred Medical,
Louisville, KY*

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2020

- 9:00 - 10:00 AM **Concurrent Break-Out Sessions: (choose I of II)**
- I. Executive Secretary's Office Update**
Meredith R. Henderson, Executive Secretary, NCIC
Plus Deputy Commissioner Section Update
*Tammy Nance, Acting Chief Deputy Commissioner, NCIC;
Kevin V. Howell, Deputy Commissioner, NCIC*
- II. Hot Topics and Best Practices for Adjusters**
(fulfills 1 ethics hour for adjusters and attorneys)
*Stephanie Gay, Vice President, Aegis Administrative Services,
Inc.; Tracey L. Jones, Attorney at Law, Teague Campbell Dennis
& Gorham, LLP, Raleigh, NC; Barry C. Jennings, Attorney at
Law, Law Offices of James Scott Farrin, Durham, NC*
- 10:00 - 10:30 AM **Break - visit Virtual Exhibit Hall**
- 10:30 - 11:30 AM **Concurrent Break-Out Sessions: (choose I of II)**
- I. The Commission's New Case Management
System and Electronic Filings: An Interactive
Demonstration**
(fulfills 1 technology hour for attorneys)
*Meredith R. Henderson, Executive Secretary, NCIC;
Tim Frost, Chief Information Officer, NCIC;
Emily M. Baucom, Clerk, NCIC*
- II. Work Related Injuries and Telecommuting**
*Mathew E. Flatow, Attorney at Law, SeiferFlatow, PLLC,
Charlotte, NC; Laura L. Carter, Attorney at Law, Holder
Padgett Littlejohn + Prickett, LLC, Raleigh, NC*
- 11:30 - 1:00 PM **Lunch Break - visit Virtual Exhibit Hall**
- 1:00 - 2:00 PM **Update from the Clerk's Office and Claims
Administration**
*Emily M. Baucom, Clerk, NCIC; Tammy Nance, Acting Chief
Deputy Commissioner, NCIC*

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2020

- 9:00 - 10:00 AM **Concurrent Break-Out Sessions: (choose I of II)**
- I. Confidentiality and Attorney-Client Privilege in
Workers' Compensation Claims**
(fulfills 1 ethics hour for attorneys)
*Warren T. Savage, Senior Claims Attorney, Lawyers Mutual
Liability Insurance Company of North Carolina, Cary, NC*
- II. Shoulder and Knee Conditions in Workers'
Compensation**
*Matthew T. Boes, M.D., Raleigh Orthopaedic Clinic,
Raleigh, NC*
- 10:00 - 10:30 AM **Break - visit Virtual Exhibit Hall**
- 10:30 - 11:30 AM **Concurrent Break-Out Sessions: (choose I of II)**
- I. Maintaining Professionalism: Essential Practice
Tips for Attorneys**
(fulfills 1 ethics hour for attorneys)
*Melvin F. Wright, Jr., Executive Director, The Chief Justice's
Commission on Professionalism, Raleigh, NC*
- II. Nurse Case Manager Ethics: 2020 Edition**
(fulfills 1 ethics hour for case managers)
*Vicki Hewitt-McNeil, Medical Rehabilitation Nurse, NCIC;
Jodie Nolf, RN, CCM, Nolf Case Management & Consulting,
LLC, Raleigh-Durham, NC*
- 11:30 - 1:00 PM **Lunch Break - visit Virtual Exhibit Hall**
- 1:00 - 2:00 PM **Concurrent Break-Out Sessions: (choose I of II)**
- I. Hot Topics, COVID-19, and Recent
Developments in Mediation**
*John C. Schafer, Deputy Commissioner, NCIC; Jacqueline R.
Clare, DRC Certified Mediator, Raleigh, NC; Thomas M.
Clare, DRC Certified Mediator, Raleigh, NC*
- II. Approaches to Industrial Hand Injuries & Wide
Awake Surgery**
Christopher Chadderdon, M.D., OrthoCarolina, Charlotte, NC

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2020

- 9:00 - 9:15 AM **A View from the Chair**
Philip A. Baddour, Chair, NCIC
- 9:15 - 10:00 AM **Update on Recent Commission Rulemaking**
Gina Cammarano, Rulemaking Coordinator, NCIC
- 10:00 - 10:30 AM **Break - visit Virtual Exhibit Hall**
- 10:30 - 11:30 AM **COVID-19 Compensability**
*Patrick O'Connell, M.D., Sentinel Primary Care, Raleigh, NC;
Edward L. Pauley, Attorney at Law, Wallace & Graham, P.A.,
Salisbury, NC; Jennifer V. Ruiz, Attorney at Law, Hedrick
Gardner Kincheloe & Garofalo, LLP, Raleigh, NC.*
- 11:30 - 1:00 PM **Lunch Break - visit Virtual Exhibit Hall**
- 1:00 - 2:00 PM **Case Law Update**
*Vernon Sumwalt, Attorney at Law, The Sumwalt Group,
Charlotte, NC; Bruce A. Hamilton, Attorney at Law, Teague
Campbell Dennis & Gorham, LLP, Raleigh, NC*