

IAIABC, NAWCJ, and CWCL 2024 Judicial Program

Tuesday, October 29, 2024 - Wednesday, October 30, 2024

The International Association of Industrial Accident Boards and Commissions (IAIABC) is proudly hosting the return of its virtual Judicial Program with National Association of Workers' Compensation Judiciary (NAWCJ) and the College of Workers' Compensation Lawyers (CWCL).

Tuesday, October 29, 2024	
Time in CDT	Session
10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	Judging in the Moment (Part 1) <i>Panelists: Joy Dougherty, Shannon Bruno Bishop, Michelle Sisk</i> Attendees will view scripted videos of mock hearings with various vignettes/scenarios commonly seen in workers' compensation dispute proceedings followed by panel members moderating and discussing ways to respond to common issues shown in the videos. A special thank you goes to Wes Marshall, Chairman at the Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission, and his dedicated team for making these educational vignettes!
11:30 AM - 11:45 AM	Break
11:45 AM - 12:45 PM	Judging in the Moment (Part 2)
12:45 PM - 1:30 PM	Break
1:30 PM - 2:30 PM	What Practitioners Really Want to Know from Judges (But are Too Afraid to Ask) <i>Jim Gallen, Evan and Dixon Michael Sprain, Sprain Law Firm Judge Sharon Hurt Reeves, Georgia State Board of Workers' Compensation</i> This illuminating session, sponsored by the College of Workers' Compensation Lawyers, will reveal a judge's response to what practitioners really want to know from the bench but may be too afraid to ask. Two attorneys will provide their insights from the defense and claimants' counsel perspectives before hearing from a workers' compensation judge on the topics.
2:30 PM - 2:45 PM	Break
2:45 PM - 3:45 PM	Judicial Security <i>Laura Fosselman, Baxter Kruger, Sean Tindell</i>

	<p>Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events (CRASE) seeks to educate individuals on how to increase their survivability. The Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events (CRASE) course, designed and built on the Avoid, Deny, Defend strategy developed by ALERRT in 2004, provides strategies, guidance and a proven plan for surviving an active shooter event. Topics include the history and prevalence of active shooter events, the role of professional guardians, civilian response options, medical issues, and drills.</p>
Wednesday, October 30, 2024	
Time in CDT	Session
11:00 AM - 11:30 AM	<p>Dispute Resolution Committee Meeting <i>Chair: Debbie Blevins</i></p> <p>Join the Dispute Resolution Committee for a brief introduction to the work of the Committee and a round table discussion of issues raised in Day 1 of the Judicial Program.</p>
11:30 AM - 11:45 AM	Break
11:45 AM - 12:45 PM	<p>Navigating the Pressures of the Judicial Role in the Modern World <i>Suzette Carlisle Flowers, Marc Grodsky, Jennifer Nicaud</i></p> <p>Judges around the world often have similar stressors such as dealing with pro se issues, case management, appellate decisions, and technology to name a few. In a rapidly changing world, these stressors have also evolved. In this engaging session, three judges will provide their insights into navigating common stressors by providing their own tools and guidance.</p>
12:45 PM - 1:30 PM	Break
1:30 PM - 2:30 PM	<p>AI and Ethics, <i>Stephanie Kinney, Josh Baker</i></p> <p>In an era where artificial intelligence is rapidly transforming the legal landscape, understanding the ethical implications of AI technology is crucial for legal professionals. This presentation will explore the challenges and opportunities presented by AI in legal practice, focusing on key issues such as data privacy, algorithmic bias, and the implications of AI-driven decision-making. Participants will gain insights into the ethical considerations of deploying AI tools in legal research, case management, and courtroom settings.</p>
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Legal Writing

Professor Wayne Schiess

The presentation will address common writing mistakes—from basic to advanced—along with advice and techniques for avoiding mistakes that could harm a legal writer's credibility. In addition, the presentation will discuss the idea of the "up-front summary" and suggest that it is appropriate, effective, and even persuasive for many legal documents.