



2026 FLORIDA BAR WORKERS'  
COMPENSATION FORUM

LECTURE PROGRAM



**THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2026- Track 1**

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

**Registration**

8:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.

**Welcome Florida Bar Workers' Compensation Section**

*W. Rogers Turner, Jr., Attorney, Forum Co-Chair*

8:45 a.m. – 9:35 a.m.

**Compensability of Accidents and 120-day Rule and Waiver**

*Eric M. Christiansen, Attorney, Sarasota*

*Kevin S. Murphy, Attorney, Orlando*

9:40 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

**The Employment Relationship, Employee Leasing Companies (PEO'S), Covered and Excluded Employment, Defenses to Claims and Fraud**

*Joshua T. Higgins, Attorney, Fort Lauderdale*

*Jesse D. Rowe, Attorney, Daytona Beach*

10:30 a.m. – 11:10 a.m.

**Sponsored Break**

11:10 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**Indemnity – AWW/TTD/TPD/PTD/OFFSETS**

*Michael D. Rudolph, Attorney, Jacksonville*

*Blake J. Hood, Attorney, Jacksonville*

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

**Sponsored Lunch**

*Sean P. McCormack, Attorney, Orlando, Section Chair*

1:30 p.m. – 2:20 p.m.

**Trial Practice and Procedures, Motions and Sanctions**

*Andrew R. Borah, Attorney, Delray Beach*

*Kenneth E. Ehrlich, Attorney, Stuart*

*Honorable Kimberly A. Hill, JCC, West Palm Beach*

2:25 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

**“From First Encounter to Formal Opinion: Behavioral Health Screening, Evaluative Methods, and Forensic Psychiatry in Work Comp.”**

*P. Mark Glencross, MD MPH FACOEM FAAPMR, Tampa*

*John Dsurney, Ph.D. ABPP, Tampa*

*Greg Iannuzzi, MD, Tampa*

3:20 p.m. – 4:10 p.m.

**“PT”3: Rise of the Machines**

*Josh Schuette, DPT, MBA, WRP, Jacksonville*

*Robert John McIver, PT, DPT, NCS, Jacksonville*

4:15 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

**Sponsored Reception**

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**FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2026 – Track 1**

8:30 a.m. – 9:20 a.m.

**Death and Dependency, Mental and Nervous Injuries**

*Diana I. Castrillon, Attorney, Fort Myers*

*Frank C. Wesighan, Attorney, Orlando*

9:25 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

**Major Contributing Cause, Aggravation, Apportionment and Examination of Medical Experts**

*Sal A. Richardson, Attorney, Ft. Lauderdale*

*Ivan P. Morales, Attorney, Hialeah*

*Arthur Segall, Jr., DPM, Plantation*

10:20 a.m. – 11:10 a.m.

**Attorney's Fees and Costs**

*Jennifer Killen Frank, Attorney, Orlando*

*Matthew J. Troy, Attorney, Orlando*

11:10 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **Sponsored Break**

12:00 p.m. – 12:50 p.m.

**Medical Benefits, Diagnostics, Pain Management, and Surgery...Oh My!**

*Ryan M. Knight, Attorney, Aventura*

*Amie E. DeGuzman, Attorney, Jacksonville*

12:55 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.

**Heart/Lung Presumptions, Repetitive Trauma and Exposure, Occupational Disease**

*Karen J. Cullen, Attorney, Orlando*

*James R. Spears, Attorney, Orlando*

1:45 p.m.

**Adjournment**



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**FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2026 – Track 2**

8:30 a.m. – 9:20 a.m.

**Beyond Performance: Working Well as Legal Experts**

*Lorneka Joseph, D.Ph, Orlando*

9:25 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

**Emerging Leaders-Technology/AI**

*Panel Moderator: Lisa Ann Thomas, Attorney, Orlando*

*Natalie A. Cavallaro, Attorney, Tallahassee*

*Glenn W. Garcia, Attorney, Miami*

*Mariam D. Yanes, Attorney, Miami*

*Erin M. Thorne, Attorney, Orlando*

10:20 a.m. – 11:10 a.m.

**The 80% You May Not Know About Claims and Insurance**

*Panel Moderator: Honorable Richard S. Thompson (Retired), Attorney, Sarasota*

*Cason Heckle – Underwriting/Marketing (Zenith Insurance Company)*

*John Putrich, CSP – Health and Safety (The Baldwin Group)*

*Vera Hill – Director of Risk Mitigation Services (The Baldwin Group)*

*Steve T. Solomon – Founder and CEO (WorkComp Partners)*

11:10 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **Sponsored Break**

12:00 p.m. – 12:50 p.m.

**The Medicare Minefield: The Government Isn't Really Here to Help You**

*Paul L. Westcott, Attorney/Mediator, Vero Beach*

*Mark S. Popolizio, Attorney, Sunny Isles Beach*

12:55 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.

**Mediation Techniques and Tactics: “A Punch List for Litigators Seeking Winning Results at Mediation”**

*Panel Moderator: David J. Dreszer, Attorney, North Miami Beach*

*Ingrid Hagerty, Attorney, Miami Lakes*

*Megan Oliva Danner, Attorney, Maitland*

*Stuart F. Suskin, Attorney/Mediator, Gainesville*

1:45 p.m.

**Adjournment**