

## **Exploring the Landscape of Workers' Compensation Today: Strategies, Updates, Settlements, and AI**

April 25, 2024 Agenda

12:25 p.m Welcome and Announcements

12:30 – 1:30 p.m. Uncovering the Present: Strategies and Defenses Since Sturdivant

It's been almost a year since the COA opinion in *Sturdivant* and a legislative correction was enacted. Join us for a discussion on the strategies and defenses

available in our workers' comp cases.

Larry Baker, Willson Jones Carter & Baxley, P.A.

Duane Jones, Hedrick Gardner Kincheloe & Garofalo, LLP

1:30 – 2:30 p.m. **Navigating CMS Updates** 

Catch up on recent updates and guidelines from the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services including civil monetary penalty rules, medicare conditional

payments, and Section 111 reporting.

Shannon Metcalf, Hedrick Gardner Kincheloe & Garofalo, LLP

2:30 – 2:45 p.m. Networking Break

2:45 – 3:30 p.m. **Behind the Appeal: Settlement Considerations at Every Stage** 

Settling cases while on appeal is not as simple as you might think and differs at each stage from the Industrial Commission, Court of Appeals, and Supreme

Court. Duane Jones, Hedrick Gardner Kincheloe & Garofalo, LLP

3:30 – 4:45 p.m. Video Replay: Al & the Impact on our Practice

from NCBA's WC program in January followed by open discussion

Listen in on a conversation about the advancement and utilization of artificial intelligence in the field of workers' compensation and discuss potential impacts on our daily practices. *Brian Groesser* will lead the open discussion.

4:45 – 6:15 p.m. Social Hour at Neighborhood Pub

**CLE Credit:** 240 minutes; 4 Hours including 1 Technology Hour (pending approval)

**Course Fee:** \$145 Members; \$245 Non-Members **Register Online:** www.ncada.org

\$ 50 Paralegals Member; \$100 Non-Member Paralegal Free for Corporate Counsel and Claims Representatives

**Location:** Hedrick Gardner Kincheloe & Garofalo

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