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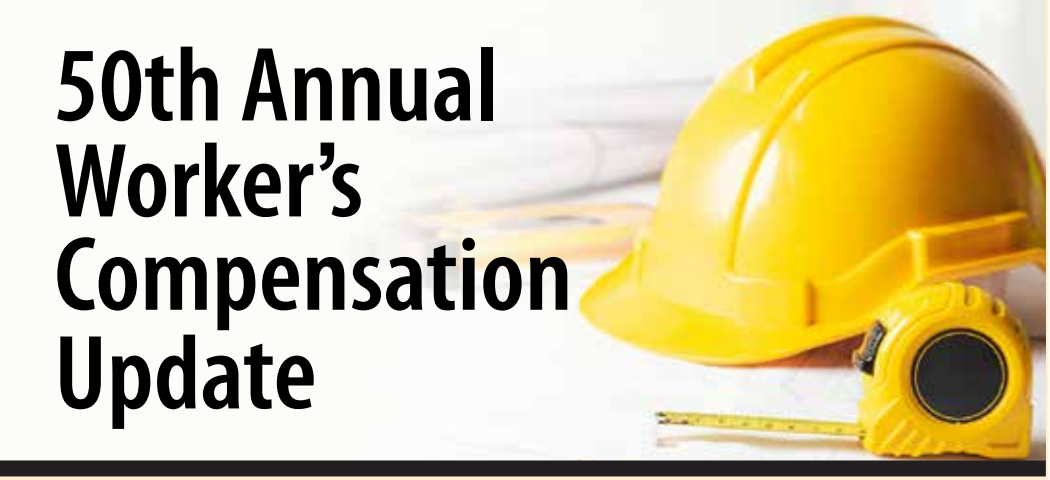
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Fifty years later, it's still the can't-miss update for worker's comp practitioners

Every year brings a new set of cases, claims, and statutory changes that reshape the conversations happening between attorneys, employers, insurers, and injured workers.

The ***50th Annual Worker's Compensation Update*** delivers a focused review of the developments Wisconsin practitioners are dealing with right now — from employment status disputes and misconduct defenses to PTSD claims, legislative changes, ethical issues, agency updates, and permanent total disability calculations.

Join experienced practitioners and agency representatives for practical insight into the decisions, developments, and strategies influencing worker's compensation practice across Wisconsin. **Register today!**

HOW YOU'LL BENEFIT

- Understand how recent case law affects employment status disputes, occupational disease claims, and employer liability
- Develop stronger strategies for evaluating and litigating misconduct and compensability issues
- Help clients navigate recent legislative and regulatory developments
- Recognize ethical risks and professional responsibility challenges before they become bigger problems
- Improve your confidence with permanent total disability claims and benefit calculations

DATES & LOCATION

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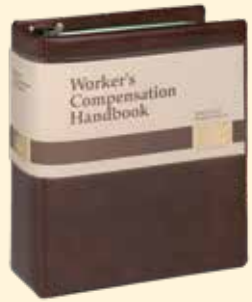
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SCHEDULE

8:00 AM **Registration**

8:30 AM **Case Law Update**
- *Novak* (LIRC Claim No. 2019-011855, Oct. 16, 2025) and the standards for determining employee, loaned employee, and temporary help agency status at the time of injury
- *Durr-Hodge* (LIRC Claim No. 2021-005577, Dec. 16, 2025) and the legal standards for evaluating workplace COVID-19 infection and exposure claims
- *Garrison* (LIRC Claim No. 2023-019579, Mar. 19, 2026) and *O'Brien* (LIRC Claim No. 2015-005808, May 29, 2026) and the standards for employer liability under unreasonable refusal-to-rehire claims in Wis. Stat. § 102.35(3)

Karl A. VanDeHey

9:20 AM **Employee Misconduct and Worker's Comp Claims**
- Identify when employee misconduct, including violations of employer directives, horseplay, workplace fights, and drug or alcohol policy violations, removes an employee from the course and scope of employment
- Distinguish between misconduct that defeats a worker's compensation claim and conduct that does not preclude compensation
- Explore defenses that may reduce or suspend temporary total disability benefits even when misconduct does not remove the employee from the course and scope of employment

Emily K. Elderkin, Lauren A. Luckenbill

10:10 AM **Break**

10:25 AM **DWD Update**

Tracy Aiello, Cathy A. Lake

11:15 AM **Ethical Issues When Litigating Worker's Compensation Cases**

Robert J. Janssen, Jason R. Oldenburg, Sarah E. Peterson, Karl A. VanDeHey, Scott E. Wade

12:05 PM **Lunch (on your own)**

1:10 PM **Legislative Update**
- Review changes to permanent total disability and permanent partial disability compensation rates
- Examine the new hospital billing fee schedule
- Discuss the revised burden of proof for certain first responder post-traumatic stress claims
- Review changes to the statute of limitations in undisputed cases
- Examine new provisions governing lump-sum payments in compromised cases

William R. Sachse, Jr.

2:00 PM **Break**

2:15 PM **Permanent and Total Disability Calculations**
- Review the fundamentals of permanent total disability claims, including evidence, burden of proof, and defenses
- Calculate permanent total disability benefits, including present value, offsets, and supplemental benefits under Wis. Stat. § 102.44, as amended by 2025 Wis. Act 145

Gregory A. Pitts, James A. Pitts

3:05 PM **Program Concludes**

Following start time, schedule may vary slightly from above. All times are Central Time Zone.

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