

Worker's Compensation Update – Winter 2025

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Friday, January 24, 2025
Hilton Garden Inn, Sun Prairie, Wisconsin

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Wisconsin Association of Worker's Compensation Attorneys, Inc.

Agenda

Friday, January 24, 2025
Hilton Garden Inn, 1220 S. Grand Avenue
Sun Prairie, Wisconsin

8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.	Registration
9:00 a.m. to 9:05 a.m.	Introduction , <i>By Jakob Feltham, WAWCA President</i>
9:05 a.m. to 9:55 a.m.	We need to limit the number of injuries. <i>By: Thomas J. McSweeney, JD</i>
9:55 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.	Battle of the Experts: A 2023-2024 Survey of Why LIRC Chooses one Physician Opinion over Another <i>By: Matthew Kurudza, JD, and James E. Panther, JD, Lindner & Marsack, SC</i>
10:45 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.	Morning Break: Please stop by the tables of our vendors.
11:00 a.m. 11:50 a.m.	Mediation Perspectives from the Applicant and Defense Bar – What Cases to Mediate and Why Mediation? <i>By: Jason R. Oldenburg, JD, Injury & Disability Law Office of Wisconsin and Chelsie D. Springstead, JD, Lindner & Marsack, SC</i>
11:50 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	Kid's Chance Presentation
12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.	LUNCH AT THE HILTON
1:00 p.m. to 1:50 p.m.	Goals, Pitfalls and Strategies to Manage Psychological Claims <i>By: Dr. Ray Koziol, Ph.D., and Brook Tylka, JD, Hawks Quindel, SC and Emily Ward, JD, Hennessey & Roach, SC</i>
1:50 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.	Practical and Ethical Considerations in Mediation <i>By: William R. Sachse, Jr., JD, and Aaron N. Halstead, JD, Hawks Quindel, SC</i>
2:45 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Afternoon Break
3:00 p.m. to 3:50 p.m.	New Issues and Arguments in Refusals to Rehire <i>By: Donnie Malchow, Hawks Quindel, SC</i>
3:50 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Raffle Drawing** and Seminar Adjournment

** The WAWCA is raffling off a tablet at the conclusion of the 2025 Winter Seminar. You must be present to win.

* Please note that the WAWCA will be "going green" this year by providing all seminar materials in a downloadable format.

Note to Attorneys

ALJ Hamdy Ezalarab, Director of the Office of Worker's Compensation Hearings, Division of Hearings and Appeals, has agreed that no hearings will be scheduled on the date of the seminar.

Credits/Cost

We are applying to the Wisconsin Board of Examiners for 6.0 CLE credits. We will not be offering an Ethics credit at this seminar. In addition, an application for CLE credits shall be made to the Minnesota Board of Examiners. Should you have any questions about the CLE credits please contact Cathy Lake at 608-267-5281.

The cost for WAWCA members is \$170.00 per person, for advance registration. For non-members the cost is \$190.00 for advance registration. (Attorneys who are not yet members may apply for membership and pay the dues of \$30 with the registration fee for a total of \$200.00.)

The cost includes a continental breakfast and buffet luncheon on the day of the seminar.

There will be a \$20.00 surcharge for **registration at the door**: \$190.00 per person for WAWCA members (\$220.00 for new or renewing members who are paying the 2025 dues with the registration fee) or \$210.00 for non-members.

Location of the Hilton Garden Inn, Sun Prairie and Room Rates

The Hilton Garden Inn is located at 1220 S. Grand Ave in Sun Prairie, Wisconsin on the east side of Madison. For more information contact the Hilton at 608-856-4500.

For people who will be staying overnight the night before the seminar, the Hilton is giving us a group rate of \$139.00 per standard room. Please call the hotel directly at (608) 856-4500 for reservations and note that you are attending the WAWCA Seminar on January 24, 2025 or register on-line at [WAWCA Winter Seminar 2024 Booking Link-Hilton Garden Inn Sun Prairie](#) using the group code WAWCA.

WAWCA Winter 2025 Seminar Registration
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1220 S. Grand Avenue, Sun Prairie, Wisconsin



Please print out this form and mail it with your check, *payable to WAWCA*, to:

Attorney Melissa M. Stone
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***Deadline for registration: January 17, 2025**

*Note: There will be an onsite registration fee of \$20.00

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My check is enclosed, payable to WAWCA, for:

- ☐ \$190.00 seminar registration fee for non-members
☐ \$170.00 seminar registration fee for members
☐ \$30.00 WAWCA 2025 membership dues (*Attorneys only - new or renewing members*)

If you are uncertain about your membership status, contact Melissa M. Stone at (414) 273-3910 or mstone@lindner-marsack.com