

The 22nd Annual Worker's Compensation Seminar

of the



Thursday, August 20, 2022
Hilton Garden Inn, Sun Prairie, Wisconsin

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Wisconsin Association of Worker's Compensation Attorneys, Inc.

Agenda

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Hilton Garden Inn, 1220 S. Grand Avenue
Sun Prairie, Wisconsin

8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	Registration
8:30 a.m. – 8:35 a.m.	Introduction , <i>By Susan V. Barranco, WAWCA President</i>
8:35 a.m. – 9:25 a.m.	Case Law Update <i>By Ken J. Kucinski, JD, Arthur Chapman Kettering Smetak & Pikala, PA</i>
9:25 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.	Bankruptcy and Unpaid Medical Expenses: An Update on <i>Branko Prpa MD, LLC v. Richard A. Fortune</i> <i>By: William R. Sachse, Jr., JD</i>
10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Morning Break – Please visit our vendors.
10:30 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.	The Exclusive Club: Personal Injury Claims against Co-Workers <i>By Aaron N. Halstead, JD, Of Counsel, Hawks Quindel, SC</i>
11:20 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	Introduction of the WAWCA Scholarship Recipients <i>By Susan V. Barranco, WAWCA President</i>
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	WAWCA Association Meeting, Elections & Buffet Luncheon
1:00 p.m. – 1:50 p.m.	You're Fired! Now What? Let's talk Wis. Stat. 102.43(9)(e) <i>By: ALJ Marissa Burtch, JD and ALJ Amanda Luedtke, ALJ, Worker's Compensation Division, DWD</i>
1:50 p.m. – 2:40 p.m.	Playing by the Rules: Wisconsin Worker's Compensation Penalties <i>By Donnie Malchow, JD, Gabriel Manzano, JD, and Brook Tylka, JD, Hawks Quindel, SC</i>
2:40p.m. – 2:55 p.m.	Afternoon Break – Please visit our vendors.
2:55p.m. – 3:45 p.m.	You May Not Be Interested In AI, But AI Is Interested in You <i>By Joseph D. Birdsall, JD, Lindner & Marsack, SC</i>
3:45 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Raffle Drawing** and Seminar Adjournment

**** The WAWCA is raffling off a tablet at the conclusion of the 2026 Summer Seminar. You must be present to win.**

Note to Attorneys

The Worker's Compensation Division will not be scheduling hearings on the date of the seminar.

Notice of WAWCA Membership Meeting

WAWCA members are invited to join us for an association meeting beginning at 11:30 a.m. Please plan to attend so we may have your input on planning for the future of the association.

Credits/Cost

We are applying to the Wisconsin Board of Examiners for 6.0 CLE credits, including 1.0 Ethics Credit. 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 **\$180.00** per person, for advance registration. For non-members the cost is **\$200.00** for advance registration. (Attorneys who are not yet members may apply for membership and pay the dues of \$30 for 2026 along with the registration fee for a total of \$210.00.)

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: \$200.00 per person for WAWCA members (\$230.00 for new or renewing members who are paying the 2026 dues with the registration fee) or \$220.00 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 **\$159.00** per standard room. Please call the hotel directly at (608) 856-4500 for reservations and note that you are attending the WAWCA Seminar on July 25, 2025 or register on-line at [WAWCA Summer Seminar 8/19-8/20 - HGI Sun Prairie](#) using the group code WAWCA.

WAWCA Summer 2026 Seminar Registration
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Please print out this form and mail it with your check, *payable to WAWCA*, to:

Attorney Melissa M. Stone
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411 E. Wisconsin Ave, Suite 1800
Milwaukee, WI 53202-4498

***Deadline for registration: August 13, 2026**

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

Name (as you would prefer on name tag)	
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E-mail address:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Attorney.....	<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant <input type="checkbox"/> Respondent <input type="checkbox"/> Both <input type="checkbox"/> ALJ
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Attorney.....	I am involved in WC claims as:

Please check this box if you have any special requests or special needs (e.g. food allergies, ADA needs, etc.) and someone will contact you.

My check is enclosed, payable to WAWCA, for:

- \$200.00 seminar registration fee for non-members
- \$180.00 seminar registration fee for members
- \$30.00 WAWCA 2026 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