Workers’ Compensation Law Update

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8:00 a.m.   Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:30 a.m.   NEW TOPICS ON OPIOID PRESCRIBING: WHAT THE NEW REGULATIONS SAY
• Most and least effective opioids on the market
• What the FDA and CDC are saying vs the medical societies
• Reasonable dosing and when to stop
• Measuring compliance and efficacy
Dr. Michael Scott Kendrick
Southside Pain Specialists
Birmingham, AL

9:30 a.m.   Break

9:45 a.m.   DOCTOR AND FCE DEPOSITIONS: DEVELOPING THE EVIDENCE BY DEPOSITION
• Goal to be achieved
• When to take the deposition
• What to do before convening the deposition
• How to get the answers you want/need and how to avoid the answers you can’t afford
Steven McMeekin
Wainwright Pope & McMeekin, P.C.
Birmingham, AL
Donald R. Rhea
Rhea Boyd & Rhea
Gadsden, AL

10:45 a.m.  CASE LAW UPDATE: PLAINTIFF’S AND DEFENDANT’S PERSPECTIVE
• Recent cases and their impact on the practice of workers’ compensation
• Differing perspectives to the same case
Tracy Cary
Morris Cary Andrews Talmadge & Driggers, LLC
Dothan, AL
T. Cowin Knowles
Ball Ball Matthews & Novak, PA
Montgomery, AL

11:45 a.m.  Lunch

12:45 p.m.  NATIONAL TRENDS IN WORKERS’ COMPENSATION: SIT CLOSER TO THE BUCKET - YOU MAY FALL ILL
Workers’ comp laws are under assault by:
• “opt-out” legislation
• constitutional attack
• referral to arbitration
Lawrence T. King
King Simmons, P.C.
Birmingham, AL
1:15 p.m.  WHAT IS THE CASE WORTH? EVALUATING A WORKERS’ COMP CASE FOR SETTLEMENT
• Factors that determine the value of a workers’ comp claim, and how to evaluate them
• The risks, and potential rewards, of going to trial
• Law of probabilities on putting dollar figures on the risks/rewards of going to trial vs. settling a case
Charley M. Drummond
Fish Nelson & Holden, LLC
Birmingham, AL

1:45 p.m.  Break

2:00 p.m.  STEP RIGHT UP FOR THE WORKERS’ COMP TRIVIA QUIZ
John Civils
Huie, Fernambucq & Stewart, LLP
Birmingham, AL

3:00 p.m.  ETHICS IN MEDIATION: IT’S NOT HARD, JUST DO THE RIGHT THING
• Historical role of an “ombudsman”
• Alabama Code of Ethics for Mediators and Alabama Center for Dispute Resolution
Patricia G. Fraley
Alabama Department of Labor
Birmingham, AL

4:00 p.m.  Adjourn

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