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Session 1	<p>Requests for Admission: Practice Pointers and Observations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of case law. • "Top 10" practice pointers for effectively using requests for admission. 	<p>So They Think You Can Work: The Vocational Determination Dance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Navigate the twists and turns of the Vocational Rehabilitation Process. • Legal authority relating to vocational issues. • Recent developments. 	<p>Between Thing 1 and Thing 2: Readjustment of Benefits after Claim Closure Due to Aggravation of Disability</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A primer on the sometimes vexing law of claim reopening. • Includes survey of seminal aggravation cases that every worker's compensation attorney should know. 	<p>Presenting a Legally Sufficient Case</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Course of employment. • Second injury fund relief. • Heart attack. • Industrial injury. • Occupational disease. • Permanent partial disability. • Permanent total disability.
Session 2	<p>The Ins and Outs of Covered Employment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basics and beyond of statutes governing covered employment. • Historical overview of the law. • A detailed look at recent BIIA analysis of covered employment, including consideration of Court of Appeals decisions. 	<p>Alternative Dispute Resolutions at the BIIA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding the order approval process • Navigating sidebar agreements • Maximize the effectiveness of your clients' mediations • Binding medical examinations (MEXMs) 	<p>Calculating Benefits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Time-loss compensation: how to calculate, how to use overtime, when to apply a cost of living increase, resources to help calculate. • Loss of earning power: how to calculate, how to determine the maximum amount that can be received • Social security offset: how to calculate the rate, implementation date, effective date, and application to retroactive benefits 	<p>Proving Proximate Cause at the BIIA</p>

<p>Session 3</p>	<p>Leveraging Evidence for the Win</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Streamline admission of facts and data. • Eliminate hearsay objections. • Overcome electronic evidence hurdles. • Spotlight your theory of the case for every level of the appeal process. 	<p>Penalties for Benefits Improperly Paid or Withheld – Know When to Hold 'Em, Know When to Fold 'Em</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Benefit preclusion. • Employer penalties for unreasonably delay of benefits. • Worker penalties for non-cooperation with vocational programs. • Penalties for failure to maintain adequate records. 	<p>Scope of Review: A Look at Common, and Not-so-Common, Issues Arising From Regularly Appealed Orders</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distinguish Scope of Review from the concept of Jurisdiction. • Common L&I orders and the issues they present. • Factors to consider in determining which issues are included in BIIA's Scope of Review. 	<p>WISHA: A Potpourri (Stay of Abatement, Penalties, Unpreventable Misconduct, and More . . .)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recent legislative and rule changes • Penalties: determining the factors for the computation required by the rules • Stay of abatement • Recent significant and appellate decisions
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