

**Northern California Workers' Compensation
Defense Attorney's Association
Winter Conference ~ 2009**

Ritz Carlton, Half Moon Bay

*Agenda is subject to change

Thursday, December 3 (Bonus Session)

4:00 – 5:30 **DEVELOPMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL EVIDENCE,
A methodical approach in preparing your case for trial**

The Honorable Allyson C. Hall, *Stockton*
Ted Richards, Esq.- *Grancell Lebovitz et al*

Friday, December 4

7:00 – 8:00 **Continental Breakfast**

8:00 – 8:15 **President's Welcome**

8:15 – 9:45 **WHAT TO DO WHEN WORKERS' COMPENSATION CLAIMS
COLLIDE WITH EMPLOYMENT LAW**

Anne Hernandez, Esq.- *Mullen & Filippi*
Michael Vartain, Esq. -*Vartain Law Group*

9:45 – 10:00 **Break**

10:00 – 11:30 **CASE LAW UPDATE**

James Pettibone, Esq. – *Laughlin, Falbo, Levy & Moresi*
Barry M. Lesch, Esq. – *Laughlin, Falbo, Levy & Moresi*

11:30 – 12:00 **EAMS - WHERE ARE WE NOW?**

Yvonne Lang, Esq. - *Pearlman, Borska and Wax*

12:00 – 1:30 **Lunch**

1:30 – 3:00 **ETHICAL DILEMAS IN WORKERS' COMPENSATION**

Dana Miller, Esq. - *Mullen & Filippi*

3:00 – 3:15 **Break**

3:15 – 3:45

LEGISLATIVE UP-DATE

Eric Dair – Hanna, Brophy, MacLean, McAleer & Jensen
Amy Brown – Dimare, Va Vleck & Brown

6:30

RECEPTION

Saturday, December 5

7:00-8:00

Continental Breakfast

8:00-9:00

SEXUAL HARRASSMENT

Margot Simington, Esq.- *Heggeness Sweet Simington & Patrico APC*
Clifford Sweet, Esq.- *Heggeness Sweet Simington & Patrico APC*

9:00 – 10:00

UTILIZATION REVIEW AFTER SANDHAGEN

William Tarchala, Esq.-*Mullen & Filippi*

10:00-10:15

Break

10:15-11:15

PETITIONS FOR RECONSIDERATION

Substance and style.....

Joseph Miller, Chairman - *WCAB*

11:15-12:15

**RESPONDING TO AN ALMAREZ/GUZMAN/OGILVIE
REBUTTAL**

***Tools counsel will need to effectively
defend the 2005 Schedule and AMA Guides***

Lisa Suhonos, MS – *Suhonos Occupational Services*
John Parente, Esq.-*Parente & Christopher*