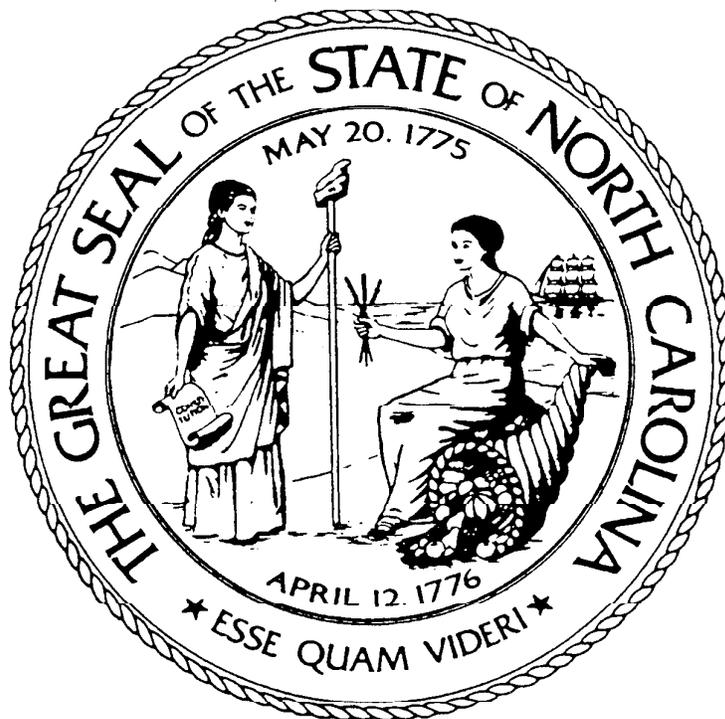


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**The Sheraton Imperial
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Registration on site begins at 10:00 am. The Conference Program begins at 1:00 pm.

Wednesday, September 15, 1999: General Session at 1:00 pm

- **Welcome/Opening Comments**
- **Case Law Update:** Reports on appellate decisions of the past year provided by Deputy Commissioners, with specific case discussions by *Attorneys Leonard Jernigan and Richard Lewis*
- **What's New on the Horizon**
 - Proposed Rules Changes: General discussion; Concentration on Mediation and Rehabilitation
 - Proposed Form Changes: Format; Filing via interactive computer disk
 - I.C. Update: Focus on the Fraud Division and the Executive Secretary's Office
- **Reception at 5:00 p.m.**

Thursday, September 16, 1999: Breakout Sessions

There will be four different sessions available, two in the morning and two in the afternoon. Each session will be held twice, providing pro and con views from both medical and rehabilitation experts.

- **Continental Breakfast 7:00 - 8:30 a.m.**

Morning Sessions: 8:30 - 10:00 a.m. and 10:20 - 12:00 noon

- **Back Injuries:** New Operative Procedures - Applicability and Outcome
- **Fibromyalgia and Chronic Pain Syndrome:** Diagnosis and Treatment
- **Luncheon 12:00 - 1:15 p.m.**

Afternoon Sessions: 1:15 - 3:00 p.m. and 3:20 - 5:00 p.m.

- **Transitional Employment:** Restrictions, Complications and Implementation
- **Traumatic Brain Injury:** Neurobehavioral Consequences

Friday, September 17, 1999: General Session at 8:15 a.m.

- **Continental Breakfast 7:00 - 8:15 a.m.**
- **The Future of the Industrial Commission**
J. Howard Bunn, Jr., Chairman
- **View From the Legislature and the Department of Commerce**
The Honorable R.C. Soles, Jr., North Carolina Senate
The Honorable George W. Miller, Jr., North Carolina House of Representatives
- **Claims Processing:** What to do and When to do it
- **The Executive Secretary's Office**
Motion Requirements
Form 24 Procedures
Reinstatement of Compensation After a Trial Return to Work
- **What's working and what's NOT working in the N.C. Workers' Compensation System**
Various Viewpoints of Stakeholders
- **Adjournment at 12:30 p.m.**

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM
THE FOURTH ANNUAL
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Complete, copy and return this form for each attendee along with a CHECK (Credit Cards Not Accepted) made payable to the IWCF (International Workers' Compensation Foundation) and mail to: IWCF, P. O. Box 11697, Daytona Beach, FL, 32120-1697.

Registration Fees: \$200.00 per person paid prior to 8/1/99 (early bird rate)
 \$225.00 per person paid prior to 9/1/99
 \$275.00 paid after 9/1/99

Groups of 10 or more from the same employer receive a \$50 per person reduction

Registration fee includes conference materials and special functions, including two continental breakfasts, one evening reception and one luncheon.

Name: _____ Title _____
(Please PRINT name as you wish it to appear on your name tag)

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Seeking CEU's for: CCM CRC CDMS OHN

Area of Practice: Employer Employee Insurer TPA Attorney Mediator
 Health Care Provider Medical Rehab Specialist Vocational Rehab Specialist
Other: _____

LODGING - A conference rate of \$95 single/\$99 double plus applicable taxes will be available to you at the Sheraton Imperial Hotel until 8/14/99, unless this block of rooms becomes fully reserved prior to this date, so register early! The Sheraton Imperial offers southern hospitality and a convenient location, just three miles from Raleigh Durham International Airport. Indicate you are attending the Fourth Annual North Carolina Workers' Compensation Educational Conference when calling to make your reservations. The Sheraton's toll free number is 1-800-325-3535 or you may dial direct, (919) 941-5050 or fax (919) 941-5156. The Sheraton Imperial is located in the Research Triangle Park, Durham. Use exit 282, Page Road off Interstate 40. Hotel reservations alone do not guarantee admission to the conference.

CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS - Application will be made for CLE, Adjuster CEU's and CRC, CDMS, CCM, OHN credits.

CANCELLATION REFUND POLICY - Cancellation of preregistration must be made before 5:00 pm on 9/3/99. Substitution of personnel is recommended in lieu of cancellation after that date. The full registration fee will be forfeited if you fail to attend or cancel timely.

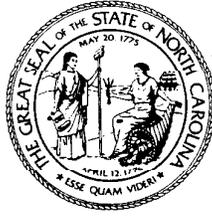
SPECIAL NEEDS - Individuals attending the conference who may need auxiliary aids or special services are requested to provide notice of their needs in writing no later than 10 working days before the conference so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

DRESS CODE - Casual clothing is appropriate for all events

*For further information contact the IWCF office at (904) 304-1993
or visit the NCIC website at www.comp.state.nc.us*

Net proceeds from this event, if any, go to the International Workers' Compensation Foundation (FEIN# 35-1737364), a non-profit organization to further its work in workers' compensation education and research.

James B. Hunt Jr., Governor
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Bernadine S. Ballance, Commissioner
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Breakout sessions will be utilized to discuss certain topics in specific detail for a more specialized view while other topics will be presented from a more general perspective.

Who Should Attend?

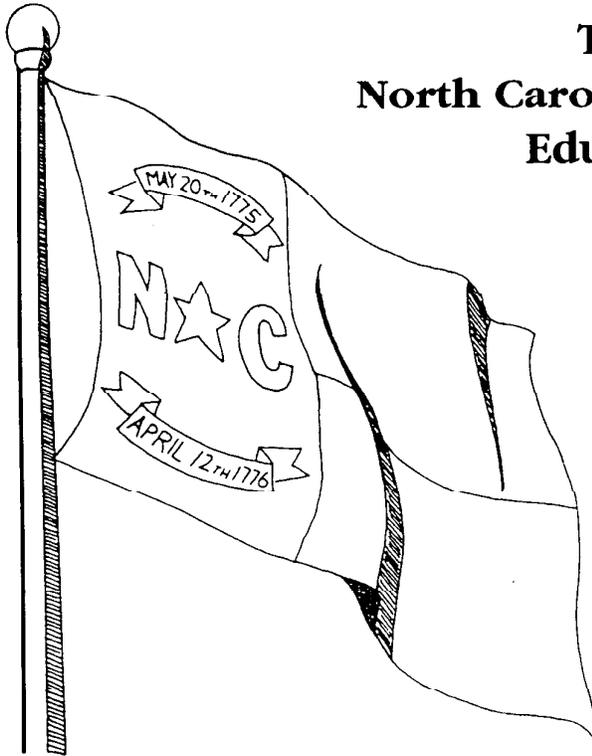
All employers, insurance adjusters, self-insurers, third party administrators, safety and human resource managers, plaintiff's and defense attorneys, health care providers, mediators and medical and vocational rehabilitation providers are encouraged to attend. In fact, anyone interested in the workers' compensation system in North Carolina will receive valuable information at the conference. Group rates are available.

Continuing Education Credits

Participants may be eligible for continuing education credits for conference attendance. Application has been made for credits in the following occupations: attorneys (CLE), carriers (CE Credit), and rehabilitation providers (CEU for CRC, CDMS, CCM, OHN). Every effort will be made to have forms available at the completion of the conference.

Insurance adjusters should be aware that the requirement to attend the entire 3-day program in order to receive any credit is that of the Department of Insurance.

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September 15, 1999

1:00 - 5:00 p.m. General Session

5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Reception

September 16, 1999

8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Breakout Sessions

12:00 - 1:15 p.m. Lunch

1:15 - 5:00 p.m. Breakout Sessions

September 17, 1999

8:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. General Session

Hotel Registration Deadline: 8/14/99 Early Bird Conference Registration Deadline: 8/1/99

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