

Compology, kom-pol'ō-ji, *n.* [L. *compensatum*–*com*, together, and *pensum*, to weigh; lit. to weigh together, hence to balance; and Gr. *logos*, discourse.] The science which investigates the laws that regulate workers compensation; the science that treats of the general structure and substance of a workers compensation system, the laws of its form and arrangement, and the progress of its development.

2011 WORKERS COMPENSATION SEMINAR

Tuesday-Wednesday
March 22-23, 2011

Crowne Plaza Hotel
4728 Constitution Avenue
Baton Rouge



Louisiana Association of
Business and Industry

Who Should Attend?

Attorneys, case managers, claims handlers, group fund administrators, health care providers, human resource managers, insurance consultants, risk managers, self-insured employers, small business owners, third-party administrators, vocational rehabilitation professionals, and anyone else involved with the Louisiana workers compensation system.

Course Credits

**Continuing Legal Education Credits
(CLE) — 11.5 Hours**

**Continuing Insurance Education Credits
Property and Casualty Credits
(CE) — 11.5 Hours (Pending Final Approval)**

This program may qualify for other continuing education credits; check with your professional organization. Upon completion of this course, you will receive a certificate of attendance.

Tuesday, March 22, 2011 - Crowne Plaza Hotel - Baton Rouge

- 7:30 a.m. **Registration and Continental Breakfast** (Sponsored by **LABI**)
- 8:00 a.m. **Pharmaceuticals** – Prescription drug expenses are a major medical cost driver in WC. The national medical director for a major WC insurer will provide insights into the causes of this and present approaches for reining in these rising costs.
– **Dr. David Deitz** - Liberty Mutual Insurance Company
- 10:00 a.m. **BREAK** (Sponsored by **Juge, Napolitano, Guilbeau, Ruli, Frieman & Whiteley**)
- 10:10 a.m. **Medical Treatment Guidelines** – Three doctors, including the new OWCA medical director, will discuss Louisiana’s medical treatment guidelines, provide perspective regarding their impact, and clarify what is meant by “evidence based” when assessing treatment regimens.
– **Dr. David Deitz** - Liberty Mutual Insurance Company
– **Dr. Charles Herring** - Louisiana Spine and Sports Medicine
– **Dr. Chris Rich** - OWCA
- Noon **LUNCH** (Sponsored by **LWCC**)
- 1:00 p.m. **Jurisprudential Update** – Every year brings new cases impacting WC in Louisiana. An attorney will provide an update on new precedents established by the courts in recent months as he reviews several WC decisions and the reasoning behind them.
– **Wayne Fontana** - Fontana & Seelman, LLP
– **Richard Seelman** - Fontana & Seelman, LLP
- 2:30 p.m. **BREAK** (Sponsored by **LABI**)
- 2:40 p.m. **Vocational Rehabilitation** – An attorney and an instructor of vocational rehabilitation counseling will review the current return to work environment in WC and assess how vocational rehabilitation counseling can better serve injured workers at less cost to employers.
– **Charles Davoli** - Davoli, Krumholt and Price
– **Scott Smith** - University of Louisiana at Lafayette
- 3:30 p.m. **PPO Update** – An attorney reports on the latest developments relating to the WC PPO issue and where they leave the matter at this time, including the recent Louisiana Supreme Court ruling in *Agilus* along with cases that were settled before reaching the high court and those that remain pending.
– **Denis Juge** - Juge, Napolitano, Guilbeau, Ruli, Frieman & Whiteley
- 4:15 p.m. **Administrative and Legislative Outlook** – The OWCA director will lay out what is in store for WC in 2011. Afterward, the chairs of the OWCA Advisory Council’s task forces on undocumented workers, electronic medical billing, utilization review and vocational rehabilitation will report on their groups’ work to address these areas either legislatively or by regulation.
– **Charles Davoli** - Davoli, Krumholt and Price
– **Dr. Charles Herring** - Louisiana Spine and Sports Medicine
– **Jim Patterson** - LABI
– **Troy Prevot** - LUBA
– **Larry White** - OWCA
- 5:00 p.m. **ADJOURN**



Wednesday, March 23, 2011 - Crowne Plaza Hotel - Baton Rouge

7:30 a.m. **Registration and Continental Breakfast** (Sponsored by LABI)

8:00 a.m. **Physical Therapy** – A physical therapist and a patient outcomes specialist will discuss when physical therapy is appropriate, the mechanics and benefits of functional outcomes measurement, and the impact of federal and state regulatory changes on the practice.
– **Trish Hayes** - Focus On Therapeutic Outcomes (FOTO)
– **Bryan Soulie** - River Region Rehab

9:50 a.m. **BREAK** (Sponsored by LABI)

10:00 a.m. **Lumbar Fusions** – Lumbar arthrodesis (fusion) is a surgical procedure to unite spinal vertebrae to prevent their movement. Three physicians discuss with an attorney a recent study that suggests that lumbar fusions lead to poor outcomes for WC patients, and what this means for the treatment of patients with disc degeneration, disc herniation and/or radiculopathy.
– **Jeff Napolitano** - Juge, Napolitano, Guilbeau, Ruli, Frieman & Whiteley
– **Dr. Trang Nguyen** - University of Cincinnati College of Medicine
– **Dr. David Randolph** - University of Cincinnati College of Medicine
– **Dr. Najeeb Thomas** - Southern Brain and Spine



Noon **ADJOURN**

Speakers

Mr. Charles Davoli is managing partner of Davoli, Krumholt & Price, and of counsel with the Baton Rouge law firm Moore, Thompson, Lee & Broyles. His practice includes WC, LHWCA, and Personal Injury claims. He also operates a mediation service called The Winning Way. He chaired the Louisiana Disabled Workers Network and serves on the OWCA Advisory Council.

Dr. David Deitz is Vice President, National Medical Director for Liberty Mutual Insurance Company in Boston, Massachusetts. He is board certified in Internal Medicine and has practiced Emergency and Internal Medicine. He is responsible for all medical review operations and medical policy for Liberty's WC business nationwide, and oversees a staff of regional medical directors. He is also responsible for iCaseManager, Liberty's electronic claims support tool.

Mr. Wayne Fontana is a partner in the New Orleans law firm of Fontana & Seelman, LLP. He is the Louisiana Association of Self-Insured Employers' general counsel and serves on its legislative committee. He has also served on the OWCA Advisory Council and as chairman of LABI's WC Task Force.

Ms. Trish Hayes is Regional Coordinator for Focus On Therapeutic Outcomes in Knoxville, Tennessee. She assists practices with understanding the outcomes data and reports generated by FOTO, as well as with implementation of its system and training for its use.

Dr. Charles Herring is a doctor of chiropractic care at Louisiana Spine and Sports Medicine in Baton Rouge. He is president of the American Board of Examiners for Chiropractic Consultants and a former president of the Board of Trustees of the Foundation for Chiropractic Education and Research. He also served on the Louisiana Board of Chiropractic Examiners and as the chiropractors' representative on the OWCA Advisory Council.

Mr. Denis Juge is a director in the Metairie law firm of Juge, Napolitano, Guilbeau, Ruli, Frieman and Whiteley. He is a co-author of LABI's WC Desk Book, serves on the OWCA Advisory Council and has served as chairman of LABI's WC Task Force.

Mr. Jeff Napolitano is a director in the Metairie law firm of Juge, Napolitano, Guilbeau, Ruli, Frieman & Whiteley. He is a member of the American, Louisiana, and New Orleans Bar Associations, and served as National Chair of the Defense Research Institute's WC Committee.

Dr. Trang Nguyen is a physician of Family and Occupational Medicine and Epidemiology. She is licensed in Ohio and Texas. She is a professor with the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine's Division of Epidemiology and Biostatistics. She is a member of the American Academy of Disability Evaluating Physicians Board of Directors.

Mr. Jim Patterson is LABI's Vice President of Governmental Relations and its Employee Relations Council Director. His respon-

sibilities include workers and unemployment compensation, and coordinating LABI's lobbying efforts at the Legislature.

Mr. Troy Prevot is Senior Vice President of LUBA Workers' Comp Corporation. He was a physician assistant with Orthopaedic and Sports Medicine Center in Baton Rouge and helped found Comprehensive Occupational Resources, an occupational medicine practice. He serves on the OWCA Advisory Council.

Dr. David Randolph is a physician of Occupational Medicine and Epidemiology with a private practice in Milford, Ohio. He is licensed in Ohio and Texas. He is a professor with the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine's Division of Occupational Medicine. He chairs the Continuing Medical Education Committee of the American Academy of Disability Evaluating Physicians.

Dr. Christopher Rich is an orthopedic surgeon in Alexandria and the OWCA Medical Director. He is the founder and CEO of a number of businesses, including a medical network firm, a business providing medical management services to physicians, and a real estate development and warehouse complex company. He serves on the governing board of the University Academic Medical Center in New Orleans.

Mr. Richard Seelman is a partner in the New Orleans law firm of Fontana & Seelman, LLP. He is a member of the Alabama, Illinois and Louisiana Bar Associations. His practice includes WC and LHWCA, Admiralty and Maritime Law, Casualty and Insurance Defense, and Transportation Law.

Mr. T. Scott Smith is an instructor at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. He teaches in the Psychology and Counselor Education departments. He is also Adjunct Faculty at Texas A & M University. He has been a Licensed Rehabilitation Counselor for 15 years and currently chairs the state licensure board for rehabilitation counselors.

Mr. Bryan Soulie is a licensed physical therapist and owner of River Region Rehab in Luling, Louisiana and Hub City Physical Therapy in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. He serves as a nationally certified clinical instructor to the American Physical Therapy Association, and is a member of the board of directors for Louisiana and Mississippi PTPN.

Dr. Najeeb Thomas is a neurosurgeon with Southern Brain and Spine in Metairie. He serves as staff neurosurgeon for Ochsner Medical Center in New Orleans. Dr. Thomas served three years as a clinical instructor of the LSU Health Science Center Department of Neurosurgery. He is licensed to practice in Louisiana and Tennessee.

Mr. Larry White is "interim" OWCA director. He has worked for the Louisiana Department of Labor/Workforce Commission for 43 years, most of which were spent in IT Applications before becoming OWCA deputy director. He chaired the MIS Committee of the Southern Association of Workers' Compensation Administrators.

Lodging

Crowne Plaza Baton Rouge – 4728 Constitution Avenue

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For more information, call Stephanie Pinsonat (ext. 273) or LaJean Lala Farmer (ext. 227) at (225) 928-5388. Or, you may reach them by e-mail: StephanieP@LABI.org or LaJeanL@LABI.org.

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