

# 2010 Insurance Council of Texas Workers' Compensation Conference



The Insurance Council of Texas announces its 2010 workers' compensation conference. Be sure to attend the conference and help us determine the state of the Texas workers' compensation system. The conference will provide attendees with an update on the state of the system, a look at probable 2011 legislative issues, an overview of national developments impacting workers' compensation systems around the nation, and a report on recent bad faith litigation trends. The conference will also include a panel discussion by legislators, an insurance industry representative, and representatives from business and labor who will discuss issues of concern to Texas workers' compensation system stakeholders.

## DATE AND LOCATION

**September 2, 2010**

Crowne Plaza Hotel Austin  
6121 North IH 35  
Austin, Texas  
Phone: (512) 323-5466

## CONFERENCE INFORMATION

Continental breakfast, lunch, and afternoon coffee and beverages provided by ICT.

Continuing education hours to be requested for adjusters, insurance agents and attorneys.

## REGISTRATION FEE

**\$250\*** if registered prior to Aug. 23, 2010. **\$275\*** after Aug. 23rd.

Register Online at ICT's Website Starting July 20, 2010 ---

<http://www.insurancecouncil.org/WorkersComp/WCSemSym.asp>

Insurance Council of Texas  
2801 South IH-35  
Austin, Texas 78741

Contact Cynthia Haywood at (512) 444-9611 for additional information about the conference.

## PRESENTATIONS AND SPEAKERS

Opening Remarks by Steve Nichols, Insurance Council of Texas and Introduction of Keynote Speaker by Rick Gentry, Executive Director, Insurance Council of Texas

Charting a Course for the Texas Workers' Compensation System – Commissioner of Workers' Compensation Rod Bordelon

The Commissioner of Workers' Compensation will share his thoughts on the state of the Texas workers' compensation system and discuss where he plans to take the system as he continues his work to improve system performance.

The Road to the Future: A Survey of Possible Legislative Issues for 2011 – Albert Betts, Thompson Coe

ICT's general counsel, formerly the state's first full-time workers' compensation commissioner, will provide a look into the future and discuss possible 2011 legislation and unresolved workers' compensation system issues.

Update on Workers' Compensation Enforcement Activities – Bobby Stokes, Flahive Ogden & Latson, P.C.

A veteran insurance defense attorney will provide an overview of the new compliance and enforcement process for workers' compensation insurance in Texas. He will report on recent Division of Workers' Compensation enforcement activities and issues.

How to Manage Excessive Prescription Drugs Use in the Texas Workers' Compensation System – Jane Derebery, M.D., FACOEM

A physician and occupational medicine expert will discuss the changing medical paradigm of prescribing drugs for occupational injuries, effective chronic pain management, and the use of the ODG treatment guidelines for effective medical management of opiates. The presentation will include a look at other solutions to address the excessive use of prescription drugs in workers' compensation claims.

National Developments Impacting Workers' Compensation Systems – David DePaolo, WorkComp Central

The president and editor-in-chief of the nation's premier daily workers' compensation news and education service will discuss current national workers' compensation trends and how those trends are impacting workers' compensation systems around the nation.

Healthcare Delivery Benefits in the Texas Workers' Compensation System: An Update – Julie Shank, R.N., President, JShank Consulting

A recognized authority on the Texas workers' compensation system will provide an update on developments impacting the delivery of health care in the Texas workers' compensation system and on-going Division of Workers' Compensation rule-making activities.

## DIRECTIONS TO CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL AUSTIN



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The hotel is conveniently located at the intersection of Highway 290 East and Interstate 35 North, off of exit 238a.

### DIRECTIONS FROM THE AIRPORT

From Airport to Hotel take Hwy 71 north to Hwy 183 north, Hwy 183 north to Hwy 290 E, Hwy 290 E and exit on IH 35 N exit, Hotel is on right hand side. Complimentary Airport shuttle is available.

Hotel Front Desk: 1-512-323-5466

Hotel Fax: 1-512-453-1945

Contact the hotel directly for reservations at (512) 323-5466 or 1 (877) 834-3613. Be sure to mention you will be attending the "Insurance Council of Texas Worker's Comp Conference" to receive the special room rate of **\$109.00**.

Free Parking is available at the hotel.

Continental Breakfast, Lunch, Afternoon Snack, Coffee, and Soft Drinks Provided by ICT.

Conference manual and supplemental CD ROMs provided by ICT Services, Inc.

- \* **Registration Deadline Tuesday, August 31st, 2010.**  
**No refunds after Thursday, August 26th, 2010.**  
**Substitutes may attend without prior notice.**

## Bad Faith: A Question of Law – David Brenner, Burns Anderson Jury & Brenner, L.L.P.

A veteran attorney and expert on the workers' compensation system will discuss bad faith in the Texas workers' compensation system and the recent increase in the number of bad faith lawsuits being filed in Texas.

## Workers' Compensation Panel Discussion –Stuart Colburn, Downs Stanford, P.C., Moderator

A veteran legislator and Chairman of the Texas Sunset Advisory Commission will be joined by the Chairman of the Texas House of Representatives' Committee on Business and Industry and representatives from the business community, insurance industry, labor and the public injured employee counsel to discuss the state of the Texas system, the Sunset Review of the Division of Workers' Compensation and legislative issues that are expected to be taken up during the 2011 session of the Texas Legislature. The panelists will discuss issues ranging from the impact of the Texas Supreme Court's Entergy decision, adequacy of income benefits, workers' compensation healthcare network performance and their expectations about the future of the Texas workers' compensation system.

### Moderator and Panelists:

Stuart Colburn – Moderator, Downs Stanford, P.C.

Sen. Glenn Hager (R-Katy)

Rep. Joe D. Deshotel (D-Port Arthur)

Cathy Stoebner DeWitt – Texas Association of Business

Rick Levy – Texas AFL-CIO

Joe Woods, Property Casualty Insurers Association of America



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