

# ***STAYIN'ALIVE in 2025***

## **Workers' Compensation Winter Seminar**

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Friday, February 21, 2025, Tallahassee

8:30 am - 3:50 pm

At The Florida First District Court of Appeal  
Multipurpose Meeting Room, First Floor  
2000 Drayton Drive, Tallahassee, Florida

### **Educational Opportunity in Tallahassee**

Panels include JCCs from Miami, Fort Myers, West Palm Beach, St. Petersburg, Pensacola, Fort Lauderdale, Tampa, and Tallahassee.

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- 8:30 – 8:45 am      Registration, Check In
- 8:45 – 8:50 am      Welcome to the First DCA  
Honorable Timothy Osterhaus, Chief Judge, First District Court of Appeal
- 8:50 – 8:55 am      Welcome from DOAH/OJCC  
Honorable Darren Schwartz, Interim Director and Chief Judge, DOAH
- 8:55 – 9:00 am      Welcome from the WC Section of the Florida Bar  
Karen Cullen, Esquire (Orlando)
- 9:00 – 10:00 am      *“The Hustle” —*  
Practice and Procedure before the JCC –  
The Underused Tools  
*Moderator:*  
Jeffrey I. Jacobs, Judge of Compensation Claims (Miami)  
*Panelists:*  
Jack A. Weiss, Judge of Compensation Claims (Ft. Myers)  
Neil Ambekar, Esquire (Orlando)  
Nisha Waranch, Esquire (Orlando)
- 10:00 – 11:00 am      *“Take Your Time (Do It Right)” —*  
Effective Legal Writing  
*Moderator:*  
Kimberly Hill, Judge of Compensation Claims (West Palm Beach)  
*Panelists:*  
Honorable Lori S. Rowe, First District Court of Appeal  
Honorable M. Kemmerly Thomas, First District Court of Appeal  
Honorable Adam S. Tanenbaum, First District Court of Appeal  
Karen Cullen, Esquire (Orlando)  
Amie DeGuzman, Esquire (Jacksonville)
- 11:00 – 11:10 am      — Break
- 11:10 – 12:10 pm      *“Got to Be Real” —*  
Evidentiary Questions Answered  
*Moderator:*  
John P. Moneyham, Judge of Compensation Claims (St. Petersburg)  
*Panelist:*  
Professor Justin T. Sevier, FSU College of Law

12:10 – 12:40 pm — Lunch, provided

12:40 – 1:40 pm *“Ladies Night”* —

The Women in Workers’ Compensation  
Committee presents:

Best Practices for Adjuster Depositions  
and Mediations

*Moderator:*

Tracey J. Hyde, Esquire (Panama City)

*Panelists:*

Jessica Carrier, Esquire (Bradenton)

Nicolette Tsambis, Esquire (Lakeland)

Dana Winkler, Bureau Chief, State Employee Workers’ Compensation  
Claims (Tallahassee)

1:40 – 2:40 pm *“Hot Stuff”* —

Hot Topics with the JCCs

*Moderator:*

Jonathan Walker, Judge of Compensation Claims (Pensacola)

*Panelists:*

Iliana Forte, Judge of Compensation Claims (Ft. Lauderdale)

Walt Havers, Judge of Compensation Claims (Miami)

Mark Massey, Judge of Compensation Claims (Tampa)

2:40 – 2:50 pm — Break

2:50 – 3:50 pm *“We Are Family”* —

Professionalism in the Age of Technology

*Moderator:*

Jacquelyn Newman, Judge of Compensation Claims (Tallahassee)

*Panelists:*

Lori L. Bethea, Esquire (Tallahassee)

Randall T. Porcher, Esquire (Tallahassee)

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