

# 2017 LASIE Annual Conference

## AGENDA

### Wednesday, November 8

Time	Topic
10:00 – 11:00 a.m.	Ethics
11:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.	Professionalism
11:00 a.m.	Registration
1:15-1:30 p.m.,	Presidents Welcome
1:30 – 2:30 p.m.	<p><b>Winning the Race</b></p> <p>Three top Louisiana CEO's discusses various elements necessary to create a healthy work environment, aesthetically, and financially. They will address the importance of leadership, creativity, teamwork, employee talent and skills, training and programs targeting success.</p>
2:30-3:00	Break
3:00 – 4:00 p.m.	<p><b>The Outpatient Odeseey</b></p> <p>Denis Paul Juge and Professor John Nations will give us an introduction to a business model that would be the envy of Mark Zuckerberg – a business that is able to charge any price they wish and if the customer fails to pay the business can sue the customer and recover not only the price of the service but also their attorney's fee and a penalty (12% of what is owed or \$2,000 whichever is greater). What is this bonanza business – OUTPATIENT FACILITIES (hospitals and ambulatory surgery centers). However, our speakers will also take you to an alternative universe where you only pay a "reasonable" price for the outpatient services.</p>
4:00 – 5:00 p.m.	<p><b>The Politics of Reaching the Winners' Platform</b></p> <p>Wrestling with Louisiana's nation leading opioid epidemic is an ongoing problem for employers, employees and all Louisiana citizens. Our legislative panel will address the efforts to pass a pharmacy formulary and the many hurdles associated with that effort.</p>
5:00 p.m.	Adjournment
6:00-7:00 p.m.	Reception
7:00 – 9:00 p.m.	Beach Party

## Thursday, November 9

Time	Topic
7:45 – 8:15 a.m.	Breakfast
8:15 – 8:30 a.m.	Welcome
8:30 – 9:30 a.m.	<p><b>Defending the Goal</b></p> <p>The Louisiana Assistant Attorney General Bill Stiles will discuss the constitutional defense of the medical treatment guidelines and the need to bring the hammer down on those willing to abuse the system for illicit profit and gain. The General will provide his opinion on the OWCA's term and tenure issues regarding its Administrative Law Judges.</p>
9:30-10:00 a.am.	Break
10:00 – 11:00 a.m.	<p><b>Parade of Nations</b></p> <p>For too long, a small number of plaintiff attorneys and medical and healthcare providers and facilities have run rings around employers in a skewed system which continually left job creators swimming upstream to return people to work and control runaway costs. With the major employer victory in the Burgess decision, it's time for employers to unite and synchronize their efforts to curb the abusers and abuses to our comp system. In addition to the all-important declaration of employer choice of pharmacy, the Burgess decision contains Supreme Court recognition of reasonable cost as a valid employer consideration and the Court's first time citing of the Purpose Statute and its prohibition against liberal construction in favor of employees. These pronouncements regarding choice, costs, and liberal construction should help employers combat the uneven bar heretofore facing employers who fight exorbitant overpricing and other unfair and expensive schemes.</p>
11:00 – 12:00 p.m.	<p><b>Training and Conditioning</b></p> <p>Mental gymnastics nor a long jump are necessary to conclude that maintaining employee health and preventing accidents is the best way to control costs and truly benefit workers. The TOTAL WORKER HEALTH® program offered through the NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH (NIOSH) has improved morale, productivity and reduced absenteeism, the likelihood of injury severity and associated costs. We'll explore this methodology's combined fundamentals of health and wellness on the one hand and occupational health and safety on the other.</p>
12:00 – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:00 – 2:00 p.m.	<p><b>Training for Return to Work</b></p> <p>It's a slam dunk that the longer an employee remains off work, the less likely he is to return and the more likely the employer's costs will unnecessarily spike. This section will deal with various strategies to properly prepare employees both, physically and mentally, for a timely and effective return to work.</p>
2:00 – 3:00 P.M.	<p><b>Getting 'Em Back in the Game</b></p> <p>The best shot of putting an injured worker back in the work environment is by providing accommodations and/or light duty. We'll examine some major employers' modified duty programs to get there workers back on the job.</p>
3:30 – 5:00 p.m.	<p><b>The High Cost of Not Working – Who Really Loses?</b></p> <p>Treatment plans that involve excessive and dangerous prescription drugs and sometimes premature and/or questionable surgeries are a ploy by some attorneys and physicians to keep injured workers from returning to work. This segment will touch on how long term narcotic use, unnecessary surgeries and the promotion of staying out of work adversely affects the overall health of the injured worker.</p>
5:00	Adjournment
6:00-7:00	Reception

## Friday, November 10

Time	Topic
7:45 – 8:15 a.m.	Breakfast
8:15 – 9:15 a.m.	<b>Change In the Game Plan and Alternative Strategies</b> Employees and employers can no longer accept the vicious cycle of despair and addiction which our current system of pill prescribing generates. Rather than sailing along with the status quo, alternatives to opioid-based pain management programs must be implemented. Non-opioid medications and non-medicinal therapies are available options, and our panel of experts will discuss successful methods already in use throughout the nation.
9:15 – 10:15 a.m.	<b>Hearing the Gun – Hearing Loss Claims</b> Both occupation disease and long-term exposure hearing loss claims have vaulted into the comp arena in a big way. Employment and age-related risks will be discussed and information related to the use of UR, SMOs and trial experts will be relayed to the audience during this session.
10:15 – 11:15 a.m.	<b>The Games Continue – Emerging Issues</b> Over the last 35 years, the ball has been volleyed back and forth in the comp arena. This last session will cover where we've been, where we are and where we're headed with Louisiana's workers' compensation system.
11:15 a.m. – Noon	CWCP Ceremony / Annual Meeting