**Annual Longshore Conference**
*Program Schedule*

**Thursday, March 10, 2016**

**7:30 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.  Registration**

**8:15 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.  Introduction and Announcements**

Alan G. Brackett, Advisory Board Chair
Mouledoux, Bland, Legrand & Brackett, LLC
New Orleans, Louisiana

Natasha Lacoste, Director of Continuing Legal Education
Loyola University New Orleans College of Law
New Orleans, Louisiana

**8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.  Significant Judicial Decisions Impacting Claims Arising Under the Act and Its Extensions**

Thomas C. Fitzhugh, III
Fitzhugh & Elliott PC
Houston, Texas

Jeffrey M. Winter
Jeffrey M. Winter, Attorney at Law
San Diego, California

**9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.  A National Overview of the Office of Workers’ Compensation Programs**

Antonio Rios, Director, Division of Longshore and Harbor Workers’ Compensation, U.S. Department of Labor
Washington, D.C.

Jennifer Valdivieso, Branch Chief of Policy, Regulations and Procedures, Division of Longshore and Harbor Workers’ Compensation, U.S. Department of Labor
Washington, D.C.

**10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.  Break**

**10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  Practice Before the Office of Administrative Law Judges**
- Implementation of the Amended Rules of Practice and Procedure
Hon. Alan Bergstrom, District Judge  
Newport News, Virginia

- Operation of the National Office of OALJ, Case Assignments and Allotments
- How the District Offices Operate

Hon. Stephen R. Henley, Chief Judge  
Washington, D.C.

Hon. Colleen A. Geraghty, District Chief Judge  
Boston, Massachusetts

Hon. Adele H. Odegard, District Chief Judge  
Cherry Hill, New Jersey

Hon. John Paul Sellers III, Acting District Chief Judge  
Cincinnati, Ohio

Hon. Lee J. Romero, Jr., District Chief Judge  
Covington, Louisiana

Hon. Paul C. Johnson, Jr., District Chief Judge  
Newport News, Virginia

Hon. Richard A. Morgan, District Chief Judge  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Hon. Jennifer Gee, District Chief Judge  
San Francisco, California

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.  Lunch

1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.  Navigating Concurrent Jurisdiction
- How the Jones Act, LHWCA and State Compensation Acts Intersect

Abraham Feinstein-Hillsman  
McGuinn, Hillsman & Palefsky  
San Francisco, California

Ryan T. LeVeque  
The American Equity Underwriters, Inc.  
Seattle, Washington
2:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Break

3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Return to Work and Vocational Rehabilitation
- Private Vocational Services Versus OWCP Resources
- Vocational Testing: What is the Proper Scope?
- How Functional Capacity Evaluations Are Used
- The Proper Scope of the Re-Employment Search

Nancy Favaloro, M.S., CRC, CCM, LRC
Seyler Favaloro Ltd.
New Orleans, Louisiana

Nina C. Hogan
Freedman & Lorry, PC
Philadelphia, PA

Mark D. Latham
Liskow & Lewis
New Orleans, Louisiana

4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Longshore Jeopardy!

Hon. Patrick M. Rosenow
Office of Administrative Law Judges
Covington, Louisiana

5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Cocktail Reception

Friday, March 11, 2016

8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Litigating Attorney Fee Claims
- Presenting and Defending Fee Claims
- Rates Approved and Recoverable Costs

David C. Barnett
Barnett, Lerner, Karsen & Frankel, P.A.
Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

Limor BenMaier
Schouest, Bamdas, Soshea & BenMaier, PLLC
Houston, Texas
9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.  Practice Before the Office of Workers’ Compensation Programs
  • Guidance in Claim Handling From the District Directors
  • How the District Offices Operate
  • Administration of Medical Care Under Section 7

David B. Groeneveld, First Compensation District
Boston, Massachusetts

Richard V. Robilotti, Second Compensation District
New York, New York

Theresa Magyar, Fifth Compensation District
Norfolk, Virginia

Kristina K. Hall, Sixth Compensation District
Jacksonville, Florida

David A. Duhon, Seventh Compensation District
New Orleans, Louisiana

David Widener, Eighth Compensation District
Houston, Texas

R. Todd Bruininks, Thirteenth, Fourteenth and Fifteenth Compensation Districts
San Francisco, California

Marco Adame, Eighteenth Compensation District
Long Beach, California

10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.  An Update on the Benefits Review Board
  • Electronic Filing and Case Management
  • Appointment of New Judges

Hon. Betty Jean Hall
Chair, Benefits Review Board
Washington, D.C.

Hon. Ryan C. Gilligan
Vice Chair, Benefits Review Board
Washington, D.C.

11:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.  Break
11:15 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. Legal Ethics and Professionalism in Mediation Practice

Paul M. Doolittle
Paul M. Doolittle, Attorney at Law
Jacksonville, Florida

Roger A. Levy
Levy Mediations
San Francisco, California

Hon. Russell D. Pulver
Advanced Mediation Service
Fallbrook, California

Collins C. Rossi
Pre-Trial Solutions of Louisiana
Metairie, Louisiana

Mark L. Schaffer
MLS Mediation
Potomac, Maryland