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**DOL West Coast Symposium III**

Tuesday, October 1, 2013
San Francisco Federal Bldg., 90 7th Street, Joint Auditorium B-040 – B-020
7th and Mission, San Francisco, CA 94103

8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.  Registration and Check-in

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.  Claims Issues and Updates from the District Director’s Office, Including Sequestration
R. Todd Bruininks, District Director, OWCP
San Francisco, CA; Seattle, WA; Honolulu, HI

Lara D. Merrigan
Thomas, Quinn & Krieger
San Francisco, CA

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.  Is there Light Duty on the Waterfront?
Moderator:  Thomas C. Fitzhugh, III
Fitzhugh & Elliott
Houston, TX

ILWU Representative - TBA
PMA Representative - TBA

Daniel P. Thompson
Thompson & Delay
Seattle, WA

Chip Lezy
Leong Kunihiro Lezy & Benton
Honolulu, HI

Phil Weltin
Weltin, Steb & Weltin, L.L.P.
Oakland, CA

Laura Bruyneel
Bruyneel & Leichtnam
San Francisco, CA

10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.  Break
10:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.  
**Can the District Office Amend Orders it Initiates**  
R. Todd Bruininks, District Director, OWCP - Moderator  
San Francisco, CA; Seattle, WA; Honolulu, HI

Mark Reinhalter  
Solicitor’s Office, Washington, DC

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

Derek Jacobsen  
McGuinn, Hillsman & Palefsky  
San Francisco, CA

Sarah Stewart  
Laughlin, Falbo, Levy & Moresi, LLP  
San Francisco, CA

Michael Marmer  
Samuelsen, Gonzalez, Valenzuela & Brown, LLP  
San Pedro, CA

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
**Where are we Going on Average Weekly Wage?**  
Lara D. Merrigan  
Thomas, Quinn & Krieger  
San Francisco, CA

Eric Dupree  
Dupree Law, APLC  
Coronado, CA

Christopher M. Galichon  
Galichon & MacInnes, APLC  
San Diego, CA

Mick W. Thomas  
Thomas, Quinn & Krieger  
San Francisco, CA

12:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.  
Lunch on your own

1:45 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.  
**Proposed New Legislation: The Defense Base Act Insurance Improvement Act of 2013/OCCA**  
Moderator: Roger Levy  
Laughlin, Falbo, Levy & Moresi, LLP  
San Francisco, CA
David Barnett
Barnett & Lerner, P.A.
Ft. Lauderdale, FL

From the Carrier’s Perspective:
Melissa Hill, AIG
WorldSource, A Division of Chartis
Dallas, TX

From the Claimant’s Perspective:
Amie C. Peters
Blue Water Legal, PLLC
Edmonds, WA

Keith Flicker
Flicker, Garelick & Associates, LLP
New York, NY

2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. ALJ’s Round Table Discussion (including sequester news)
Hon. Jennifer Gee, District Chief Judge
OALJ, San Francisco, CA

3:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. Break

3:45 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. Reflections and Big Issue from the Potomac
Eric Richardson
Laughlin, Falbo, Levy & Moresi, LLP, San Francisco, CA
Former Branch Chief
Dept. of Labor, OWCP, Longshore Division
Washington, DC

Miranda Chiu, Former Director
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Signal Administration, Inc.
Wilton, CT

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