



# PROGRAM AGENDA

**Today's Trends, Tomorrow's Solutions  
2023 NWCDN Annual Conference**

**Radisson Blu Aqua  
Chicago, Illinois**

**October 18 - Reception & Dinner Cruise  
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

**October 19 - Educational Program**





## **2023 NWCDN Annual Conference**

The National Workers' Compensation Defense Network (NWCDN) is a unique and dynamic organization consisting of attorneys representing 48 states, Washington DC and Canada.

Together, the members of NWCDN have produced this conference, which addresses incisive topics that are timely to the business of Workers' Compensation.

We are very proud and honored to have the experts who have agreed to speak at our annual conference. Our agenda was designed to have something for everyone and each topic is relevant to our day-to-day profession.

The all-day conference will be held at the iconic Radisson Blu Aqua hotel located at 221 N. Columbus Drive, Chicago IL 60601.

[Register Here](#)

We have reserved a block of guest rooms at the hotel at a negotiated group rate of \$279. The block will be held until September 18 or until the block sells out.

[Reserve Your Room Here](#)

The conference is open to NWCDN member firms and their invited guests only.



# Thursday, October 19, 2023

- 8:00 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast**
- 9:00 a.m. Welcome and Opening Remarks**  
**Elizabeth Smith**, NWCDN President, NWCDN Maine Member  
**Chelsie Springstead**, Planning Committee Member, NWCDN Wisconsin Member
- 9:15 a.m. How to Use Light Duty and RTW Policies to Mitigate Claim Costs and Settlement Strategies - An Employer Panel**  
Moderated By: Alison Stewart, NWCDN Iowa Member  
**Beth Mrozinsky**, Director of Environmental, Health, Safety & Security, Harley Davidson Motor Company  
**Maggie Boesen**, Attorney, Environmental, Health & Safety, John Deere & Co.  
**Kelli Pofahl**, Associate Manager, Leave & Liability Management Team, PepsiCo, Inc
- 10:15 a.m. State Updates: 2023 Worker's Compensation Trends and Hot Topic Issues**  
Moderated By: Melissa Stone, NWCDN Wisconsin Member
- 10:45 a.m. Networking Break**
- 11:15 a.m. Are We Live? - All Your Burning IME Questions Answered**  
Moderator and Involuntary Live IME Subject:  
**Danial Hebert**, NWCDN Michigan Member  
**Dr. Nathan Gross**, PM&R, Specialists in Rehabilitation Medicine, PC
- 12:15 p.m. Lunch is Hosted by NWCDN**
- 1:15 p.m. State Updates: 2023 Worker's Compensation Trends and Hot Topic Issues**  
Moderated By: Melissa Stone, NWCDN Wisconsin Member
- 1:45 p.m. But It Never Hurt Before!! The Causal Relationship Between Pre-Existing Conditions and Injuries to the Shoulder**  
Moderated By: Amy Oelke-Peacock, Senior Account Executive, ExamWorks  
**Dr. W. Anthony Frisella**, Frisella Shoulder Surgery
- 2:45 p.m. Networking Break**
- 3:15 p.m. State Updates: 2023 Worker's Compensation Trends and Hot Topic Issues**  
Moderated By: Melissa Stone, NWCDN Wisconsin Member
- 3:45 p.m. Oh the Horror! An Open Dialogue Regarding the Wacky World of Work Comp**  
**Danial Hebert**, NWCDN Michigan Member  
**Adam Maciorowski**, NWCDN Illinois Member
- 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. Cocktail Reception at Radisson Blu Aqua Hosted by NWCDN**





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