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### **18th Work Injury Conference Announced: “The Reality of Workers’ Compensation”**

(CHICAGO, IL – January 13, 2010) For the first time in Chicago, SafeWorks Illinois and Midwest Orthopaedics at Rush will present the 18th Work Injury Conference: “The Reality of Workers’ Compensation”. The all-day event is scheduled for Thursday, February 11, 2010 at the Conference & Learning Center at U.S. Cellular Field.

This multi-disciplinary conference is for employers, physicians, nurse case managers, insurance adjusters, and attorneys who have a vital stake in the Illinois Workers’ Compensation System. The Work Injury Conference provides an open forum to discuss diverse interests and strategies in an effort to improve the Illinois Workers’ Compensation System.

In an interactive discussion of the issues facing workers’ compensation today, attendees will be part of a reenactment of two workers’ compensation cases from beginning to end. Experienced professionals will educate and moderate the audience on critical topics affecting the workers’ compensation system; and recommend solutions for improvements. Attendees will see first-hand how each step affects every stakeholder in the system.

Speaker panels will open the discussion on topics such as voluntary collectively bargained workers’ compensation, fraud, chronic pain management, and more. The conference will conclude with a mock trial where two attorneys and an arbitrator will rule on the discussed cases. The full agenda is available online at [www.safeworksillinois.com](http://www.safeworksillinois.com).

Speakers will include:

- **Diana Alvarez, RN, CCM** – Occupational Health Manager, Hyatt Corporation
- **Ronald Bensyl, CWCA** – Senior Vice President, Workers' Compensation, Behnke Insurance
- **John Brining** – Executive Director, CISCO
- **Charles Bush-Joseph, MD** – Head Team Physician, Chicago White Sox; Professor, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, Rush University Medical Center; Managing Partner, Midwest Orthopaedics at Rush
- **Asokumar Buvanendran, MD** – Director of Orthopedic Anesthesia, Rush University Medical Center; Associate Professor, Department of Anesthesiology, Rush University Medical Center

- **Michael A. Campion, PhD, LP, CPQ**, Campion, Barrow and Associates
- **Nancy Davis, RN, CCM, CLCP, MSCC** – NurseValue, Inc.
- **David Fletcher, MD, MPH, FACOEM** (moderator) – Medical Director, SafeWorks Illinois
- **Michael Holt** – Attorney, Hennessy & Roach, P.C.
- **Eugene Keefe** – Attorney, Keefe, Campbell & Associates, LLC
- **Robert Lentz, PhD** – Psychologist, Birch Tree Counseling and Consulting, LLC
- **Kevin Luther** – Attorney, Heyl, Royster, Voelker & Allen, P.C.
- **David Martay** – Attorney, Martay & Martay
- **Amy Masters** – Acting Chairman, Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission (IWCC)
- **Arbitrator Stephen Mathis**
- **David Menchetti** – Attorney, Cullen, Haskins, Nicholson & Menchetti, P.C.
- **Diane Newquist, PT, CEAS** – Director of Operations, Accelerated Rehabilitation Centers
- **Beth Olson, RN, BSN, ACM** – Workers' Compensation Coordinator, Rush University Medical Center
- **Marc Poulos** – Executive Director and Counsel, Indiana, Illinois and Iowa Foundation for Fair Contracting
- **James Roach** – Attorney, Hennessy & Roach, P.C.
- **Patricia Russell, MD** – Medical Director, Argonne National Laboratory
- **Kern Singh, MD** – Board Certified Orthopedic Surgeon and Assistant Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery, Rush University Medical Center
- **Diane Stewart** – Vice President/Midwest Region Manager, United States Cold Storage
- **Francis "Buzz" Walsh** – Supervisor, IWCC, Fraud Unit
- **Michael Weber** – Risk Control Manager, SuperValu
- **Doug Whitley** – President & CEO, Illinois Chamber of Commerce
- **James Young, MD** – Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Rush University Medical Center

The conference is presented by SafeWorks Illinois and Midwest Orthopaedics at Rush, and sponsored by Hennessy & Roach, P.C., Heyl Royster and Accelerated Rehabilitation Centers, and several other organizations.

For registration information, **visit [www.safeworksillinois.com](http://www.safeworksillinois.com)**.

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