# Tricks of the Trade for Adjusters

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#### GOALS OF WEBINAR



Provide information to adjusters that we hear from Judges and employers on handling claims.



#### IMMEDIATE DISCOVERY ISSUES

- -AOE/COE
- -SPECIFIC VS CUMULATIVE TRAUMA
- -GETTING THE EMPLOYER FILE
- -90 DAYS TO ACCEPT OR DENY CASE
- -DELAYING CLAIM, PAYING TD AND OFFERING A MODIFIED JOB.



# **DISCOVERY ISSUES**

- GET AND INDEX SEARCH AND SUBPOENA THE

PRIOR INJURIES.

- SCHEDULE A QME

- GET A DEPOSITION





### CLAIMS HANDLING

#### SUBMIT RFA'S TO UTILIZATION REVIEW

SUBMIT BILLS TO IBR



OBJECT TO LIENS EARLY AND OFTEN



# RESOLVING CLAIMS

PREPARE SETTLEMENT DOCUMENTS CORRECTLY

STIPULATION ERRORS

COMPROMISE AND RELEASE ERRORS

GET ALL PD CREDIT USING "BOTH PARTIES"

WHEN CAN THE VOUCHER BE RESOLVED





# WCAB ORDERS



# YOU MUST COMPLY, APPEAL OR PETITION TO REMOVE





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