

WORKERS' COMPENSATION SECTION
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PURPOSE

The Workers' Compensation Section of the Connecticut Bar Association is a large and active group that maintains a nice balance between attorneys who represent claimants and attorneys who represent respondents. The section has initiated quite an array of activities to promote both professional growth and personal satisfaction on the part of practitioners of workers' compensation litigation.

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Later this year, the section will sponsor its annual Verrilli Open. Over the years, this golf tournament has generated many thousands of dollars of income to local charities. The section donates proceeds to charities that spend almost the entire amount on individuals meant to benefit from the charities.

The section will meet in full on June 9th, together with the Connecticut Bar Association as a whole, in Hartford. Justice Borden has agreed to address the section on workers' compensation litigation from an appellate perspective. Chairman Mastropietro will give his annual "state of the agency" address, newly appointed Workers' Compensation Commissioners will be introduced, and certain individuals from the section will be recognized for outstanding achievement.

Most recently, the section held a retirement dinner for Commissioners Leonard Paoletta and George Waldron. More than 300 people attended this dinner.

The section actively promotes continuing legal education. Last fall the section engaged in a "joint venture" with Waterbury spinal surgeons and other physicians; well over 100 people attended a day-long seminar on lumbar fusion at St. Mary's Hospital.

The section will hold its exotic seminar in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. Every year section members get a chance to take a long weekend at a relatively remote, if not exactly exotic, locale. This year those who attend will hear lectures on tribal workers' compensation law in Connecticut.

Some years ago, the section initiated a specialist certification program, and that program is running strong. Over 40 lawyers have met exacting criteria, including a rigorous examination, to become certified specialists in workers' compensation litigation.

Finally, the section publishes Compensation Quarterly, a periodical that features a high level of scholarship and encompasses not just legal issues, but medical issues as well.

The Workers' Compensation Section of the Connecticut Bar Association is informed by a collegial, communal spirit that offers an array of activities to enhance personal and professional satisfaction.