



Registration Information

# June 11, 2010

**Disney's Contemporary Resort — Lake Buena Vista, FL**

## **FWA's 20th Annual Educational Conference**



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**F**WA's 20th Annual Educational Conference will be held on June 11, 2010 at Disney's Contemporary Resort in Lake Buena Vista, Florida. Please mark your calendar now and plan to attend. FWA's Annual Membership Meeting will also be held during this conference rather than at the FWCI convention as in years past. Election of at-large members of the Board will take place at this meeting.

*NOTE: Nominations for at-large members of the Board of Directors will be placed on a ballot to be voted on at the Annual Membership Meeting if received at the FWA office in Tallahassee no later than May 1, 2010. Nominations may also be made from the floor at the Annual Membership Meeting.*

*The Florida Bar has approved this program for 8 hours CLER Credit, 2 hours Ethics Credit, 6 hours Workers' Compensation Certification Credit.*

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- 7:45 a.m. – 8:15 a.m. **Registration Check-in**  
(Pre-Registration Required)
- 8:15 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. **Welcome and Opening Remarks**  
— Al Hilado, Orlando, FWA Outgoing President  
— Ricardo Morales, Miami, (Moderator) FWA Incoming President
- 8:30 a.m. – 9:50 a.m. **Perspectives in Pain Management: A Survey of the Medical Conditions, Treatment Options, and Costs Associated with the Care of Patients with Chronic Pain**  
— Richard Berman, Ft. Lauderdale (Moderator)  
— Dr. Gene Melvin, Orlando  
— Dr. David Klein, Orlando
- 9:50 a.m. – 10:20 a.m. **Practical Strategy Tips for the Claimant's Attorney from a Mediator's Vantage Point**  
— Stuart Suskin, Gainesville
- 10:20 a.m. – 10:35 a.m. Break
- 10:35 a.m. – 11:05 a.m. **National Workers' Compensation Issues; Trends Affecting Workers' Compensation; Compare and Contrast Florida Workers' Compensation System with Other States**  
— Gerry Rosenthal, West Palm Beach  
— Steve Birnbaum, (WILG President) San Rafael, California
- 11:05 a.m. – 11:55 a.m. **View From the Bench**  
— Christopher Smith, Tampa, (Moderator)  
— Judge David Langham, Pensacola  
— Judge Neal Pitts, Jacksonville  
— Judge Donna Remsnyder, St. Petersburg
- 12:00 – 1:15 p.m. **Luncheon**
- 1:15 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. **FWA General Membership Meeting and Elections**  
— Ricardo Morales, Miami (Moderator)  
— Richard Chait, Miami: Legislative Report  
— Brian Sutter, Port Charlotte: FJA Task Force & Appellate Update  
— Larry Gonzalez, Tallahassee, (FWA Executive Director)
- 1:45 p.m. – 2:35 p.m. **Attorney Fees**  
— Rosemary Eure, Sarasota  
— Brian Sutter, Port Charlotte  
— Louis Pfeffer, Jupiter
- 2:35 p.m. – 2:50 p.m. Break
- 2:50 p.m. – 3:40 p.m. **Identifying Aguilera Cases; Remedies in Defending Against Medical De-authorizations and Intimidation Tactics Utilized by the Employer/Carrier**  
— Theodore J. Leopold, Palm Beach Gardens
- 3:40 p.m. – 4:10 p.m. **Practical Tips: Gems of 440, Practical Pleadings, Motions, Managed Care Administrative Code**  
— Denny Palso, St. Petersburg (Moderator)  
— Mark Touby, Coral Gables  
— Kellye Shoemaker, Altamonte Springs  
— Brad Smith, Lakeland  
— Gloria Garcia, Coral Gables
- 4:10 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. **Hot Topics: Among the Cases to be Discussed are Parodi, Carmack, Coastal Masonry, Schroeder**  
— Glen Wieland, Orlando (Moderator)  
— Geoff Bichler, Winter Park  
— Michael Celeste, West Palm Beach  
— Erik Grindal, Pembroke Pines  
— Mark Zientz, Miami
- 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. **Cocktail Reception in Celebration of FWA's 20th Conference**



## Congratulations Florida Workers' Advocates On Your 20th Anniversary!

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# About FWA



**F**lorida Workers' Advocates (FWA) is an organization of attorneys representing injured workers and is dedicated to protecting the rights of those workers. FWA serves as the focal point for action on a range of issues affecting injured workers and their families and is committed to their protection. FWA is exclusively comprised of claimant attorneys who have committed their financial and intellectual resources toward one objective; promoting a workers' compensation system that fairly provides financial and medical benefits to the workers of Florida. Call the FWA Executive Office for more information at 850/562-9675 and become a member today — enabling you to take advantage of the member conference rate!

## FWA 20th Annual Conference Registration Form

Pre-registration Required • Registration Deadline: May 28, 2010 • (Make duplicates for multiple registrations)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Firm: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### Conference Registration Fees

(check one)

Before April 30, 2010

After April 30, 2010

FWA Members

\$250

\$275

Paralegals

\$100

\$100

Non-Members

\$300

\$325

### Payment Information (check one)

Check enclosed: payable to Florida Workers' Advocates

Credit Card:  Visa  MasterCard  American Express

**TOTAL PAYMENT ENCLOSED: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

Card #: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Authorized Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**How To Register For the Educational Conference:** Please mail this form along with your payment information to: Florida Workers' Advocates P. O. Box 1734 Tallahassee, FL 32302-1734

**Questions / Special Needs:** For any questions, special accommodations or assistance, please contact Vicki Simmons, FWA Conference Planner, at 850/545-0915 or at [vicki.simmons@embarqmail.com](mailto:vicki.simmons@embarqmail.com)

**FWA Conference Refund Policy:** Written notification is required for all refunds. Refund requests received prior to May 28, 2010 will receive a refund less a \$25.00 administrative fee. No refunds will be issued after May 28, 2010.

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## Resort Reservations

### Disney's Contemporary Resort — Lake Buena Vista, FL

Disney's Contemporary Resort is an ultra-modern Disney Deluxe Resort, made up of a towering A-frame high-rise building—the iconic Contemporary Tower—and complemented by one garden wing annex. This lakeside Resort is the only hotel in *Walt Disney World*® Resort to have the *Walt Disney World*® Monorail System pass through the main lobby.

Boasting views of nearby Space Mountain attraction and Cinderella's Castle, the Resort overlooks 4.5 miles of shoreline along Bay Lake and Seven Seas Lagoon and is the closest hotel to *Magic Kingdom*® theme park. At the hotel's award-winning California Grill restaurant on the 15th floor, dine in comfort as you behold nightly fireworks from the park. You can also pick up the monorail on the fourth floor to easily make your way to *Magic Kingdom*® theme park and Epcot® theme park.

The sprawling grounds include a marina, pools, restaurants, recreational facilities, a health club, tennis courts and convention facilities. Whether your wish is to relax on the white-sand beach by the pools, indulge in a revitalizing massage or savor sensational food as you take in stunning views, Disney's Contemporary Resort is sure to meet all your needs. In addition to fishing excursions, watercraft rentals and a 24-hour, high-tech game room, the larger of the 2 pools offers a 17-foot high curving slide for endless fun. There's also a wading pool for little ones. The Olympiad Fitness Center, located on the third floor, includes a spa and salon which offers massage therapy, skin care, body treatments, steam rooms, saunas and the latest in fitness equipment including free weights, treadmills, ellipticals, bicycles and stair climbers. For complimentary spa coupons go to website for Disney's Contemporary Resort, Amenities & Services, Olympiad Fitness Center.



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To reserve your hotel room, contact  
**Disney's Contemporary Resort** at  
407-824-3869 and ask for the *FWA's  
Educational Conference* group rate of \$225.  
**Resort reservation deadline is May 10, 2010**