

# AWCP

Association of Workers'  
Compensation Professionals

Courtney Aldrich, Esq.,  
Conference Chair

October Virtual Mini Conference  
and Beer Tasting Networking Event

## “A Peek Through the Looking Glass!”

Thursday, October 28, 2021

Special Expo:

12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Conference:

1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Beer Tasting

Networking Event:

4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

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Speakers, Topics,  
Sponsorships, Expo  
and Registration  
Follows!

# Chairs' Message



Carin C. Kaeser, Esq.

Dear Members of the Work Comp Community!

AWCP's Annual Fall Education Conference has been an industry must-attend event for over 20 years. Along with a brimming lecture hall, one of the most important elements of the AWCP Fall Education Conference every year is a packed and lively exhibit hall.

Due to Sacramento County restrictions and guidance, the Crowne Plaza Hotel has not been cleared for large banquet activities.

Additionally, we have received emails from past attendees, and at this time, they can only attend the conference if it is virtual.

Therefore, the AWCP Fall Conference Committee has made the difficult decision to postpone the fall conference to Spring of 2022.

## AWCP's Plan B!

AWCP will now hold a virtual mini conference on **Thursday, October 28, 2021**, along with Beer Tasting Networking Event. The theme will be a precursor to the spring conference entitled:

### "A Peek Through the Looking Glass!"

For this virtual mini conference, the AWCP Board of Directors is extending a complimentary virtual booth to all March exhibitors who wish to have one. We encourage all attendees to visit the expanded expo. Additionally, on the following pages you will see we have planned a timely and informative conference.

The conference will also open an hour early to give attendees and exhibitors more time to interact.

In closing, **Save the Date!** - AWCP's Inaugural Spring Education Conference will be held on Friday, March 11, 2022.



Courtney L. Aldrich, Esq.

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Carin C. Kaeser, Esq.  
Kaeser Hull, LLP  
Chair, Spring 2022 Education Conference

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Courtney L. Aldrich, Esq.  
Lenahan, Slater, Pearse & Majernik, LLP  
Chair, October 2021 Virtual Mini Conference

# Agenda

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| 11:30 p.m. – 12:00 p.m. | Early Hopin Sign in (Test Tech & Expo)  |
| 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.  | Special Expo with March 2022 Spring Education Conference Exhibitors   |
| 1:00 p.m. – 1:10 p.m.   | Welcome & Opening Remarks<br>Crystal McLain, AWCP President<br>Courtney Aldrich, Esq., Conference Chair                 |
| 1:10 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.   | Expo  |
| 1:30 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.   | A Mad Tea-Party: The Governor Takes Action on Bills – New Laws, Rules and Regs!<br>Speaker: Lori Kammerer               |
| 2:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.   | Lobster Quadrille – “Beautiful Soup”<br>What's New at the DWC and What's Instore for 2022?<br>Speaker: George Parisotto |
| 3:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.   | Expo  |
| 3:45 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.   | Don't Go Down the Legal Rabbit Hole. . . Important Timeframes!<br>Speakers: Joel Kautz, Esq. and David Obisanya, Esq.   |
| 4:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.   | Raffle from Exhibitors & Beer Tasting Set up  |
| 5:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.   | Beer Tasting Presentation with Bike Dog Brewery   |
| 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.   | Beer Tasting & Networking in Lounges  |



# Topics

## A Mad Tea-Party

The Governor Takes Action on Bills –  
New Laws, Rules and Regs!

*Speaker:*

Lori Kammerer

President of Kammerer & Company, Inc.

**“The Pool of Tears!”** Find Out Which Bills Will Become Effective in January! The 2021/22 Biennial Session ended on August 31<sup>st</sup> with the Senate and Assembly sending 694 bills to the Governor! Find out what action the Governor took on key bills important to our workers' compensation system and which bills will be brought up again in January. Lori will provide an overview of the Governor's actions on these bills, including legislation he signed and the bills he returned unsigned (vetoed).

## Lobster Quadrille – “Beautiful Soup”

What's New at the DWC and  
What's Instore for 2022?

*Speaker:*

George Parisotto

Administrative Director

CA Dept. of Workers' Compensation

The Administrative Director of California's Division of Workers' Compensation has been inundated in drafting new rules and regulations that will impact the workers' compensation community. We look forward to hearing what the DWC has been working on this past year and what the future holds.

# Topics

## Don't Go Down the Legal Rabbit Hole...

### Important Timeframes!

#### Speakers:

Joel E. Kautz, Esq.

David M. Obisanya, Esq.

Lenahan, Slater, Pearse & Majernik, LLP

*"A math wizard's dream!"* Timeframes, treatment of calendar days, and other nuances in the Code involving numbers and calculations. If it involves math, there is a good chance we'll cover it. Topics to include life pensions, 100% PD cases, when to get a QME panel, how to file a Petition to Dismiss due to Inactivity, and when calendar days versus business days applies.

# Conference Overview

- J Two ½ hours Continuing Education Units for Claims Examiners, Certified Case Managers, Nurses, and Attorneys (both MCLE and Legal Specialization in Workers' Compensation)
- J Three thought-provoking general sessions
- J A variety of exhibitors offering exciting, innovative, and important services in the virtual expo
- J Attendees: Log on at noon and visit the expo booths
- J AWCP will offer a special raffle prize for those who visit the exhibitors before the conference
- J Exhibitors raffle before networking event



# Lori C. Kammerer



Lori C. Kammerer is nationally recognized as a leading authority on policy issues affecting California businesses of all sizes, including start-up, micro and small businesses, and corporations that have a significant presence in our state.

For over 28 years and through the past seven Governors' Administrations, she has advanced the interests of businesses with the legislature and the state's top regulatory officials.

Most notably, Kammerer was the Lobbyist on Senate Bill 826 (Jackson), sponsored by the National Association of Women Business Owners California (NAWBO CA), and signed by Governor Brown on September 30, 2018. SB 826 requires that all publicly-traded corporations headquartered in California, including those with principal offices in California, add a seat for a woman on their Board of Directors.

Kammerer is also recognized for her successful coalition building, marketing, fund-raising and grassroots membership development techniques. Her extensive experience in enhancing the visibility of issue campaigns for associations and political candidates have led to successful wins. Additionally, she develops, directs and implements grassroots and advocacy programs for insured and self-insured small and large employers, including public sector employers who represent cities, counties and schools.

Kammerer represented the business community as Executive Director of the California Coalition on Workers' Compensation from 1987 to 2002. In 2002, she founded Kammerer & Company, Inc., a full-service government relations and advocacy firm, and serves as its principal Legislative Advocate for businesses and trade associations.

Kammerer serves as an advisory to several Boards and Commissions and Task Forces, including the California Commission on Health & Safety & Workers' Compensation, the California Workers' Compensation Insurance Rating Bureau and the California State Council of Laborers. Additionally, she is a member of the Sutter Club and member of the Board of Directors of the National Association of Women Business Owners – Sacramento Valley Chapter. Ms. Kammerer earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business and Communications from Pepperdine University, where she was graduation class speaker. Ms. Kammerer is a volunteer public relations consultant to various philanthropic organizations.

# Joel E. Kautz, Esq.



Joel Kautz currently works at Lenahan, Lee, Slater, Pearce & Majernik in the office's workers' compensation defense practice. Mr. Kautz' current practice is 100% litigation, and mainly includes the defense of self-insured entities, including many Cities and Counties.

Before joining Lenahan, Lee, Slater, Pearce & Majernik, Mr. Kautz attended McGeorge School of Law and graduated With Distinction in 2010. While in law school, Mr. Kautz was part of the Appellate and International Advocacy Honors program and was inducted into the Traynor Honor Society. Before law school, Mr. Kautz worked many years in the insurance industry, both as a claims handler and as an underwriter.

In the past, Mr. Kautz has served as president, and is currently vice president, for PIWC Mid-Valley Chapter #3, a non-profit entity that provides education to the local workers' compensation community. Mr. Kautz is also a frequent presenter at various workers' compensation claims conferences.

While not practicing law, Joel enjoys hunting as well as spending time with his wife Jenniver and his three children.

# David M. Obisanya, Esq.



David was born and raised in Sacramento, California. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in English in December of 2014, from California State University, Sacramento. After graduating from college, David began attending University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law part-time. In his first year, he was among only a handful of students to earn the Sacramento County Bar Association Diversity Fellowship Scholarship.

While attending law school, he served in various board positions on several student organizations, including President of the Alternative Dispute Resolution Club. David also represented the university in the 2018 ABA Regional Negotiation Competition as a member of the McGeorge Negotiation Team. He was later the recipient of the Outstanding Student Service Award for contributions made to the McGeorge community.

David joined the Lenahan firm in September of 2018 as a law clerk. Upon passing the October 2020 California Bar Examination, he began practicing law as a workers' compensation defense attorney.

When not practicing law, David enjoys watching movies and sports (basketball in particular), working out at the gym, and spending time with his family and friends – especially his wife, Ashley.



# George Parisotto



George Parisotto is Administrative Director of the Division of Workers' Compensation. Prior to his recent appointment, he was the Acting Chief Counsel for the Division's Legal Unit.

Mr. Parisotto received a B.A. from Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles and a J.D. from the University of California, Hastings College of the Law, located in San Francisco.

Following law school, Mr. Parisotto became an associate with the Thierman Law Firm, a labor law firm in San Francisco representing employers and management.

He joined the Division of Workers' Compensation as a staff counsel in 1998, and later rejoined the Division in 2007 after spending three years in Seattle, Washington, with the U.S. Department of Labor's Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program.

# AWCP Spring Education Conference

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# Attendee Registration

## Conference Only Registration

Members: Adjusters: \$0      Attorneys/Other: \$20  
Non-Members: Adjusters: \$0      Attorneys/Other: \$40

## Conference with Beer Tasting Networking Registration\*\*

Members: Adjusters: \$40      Attorneys/Other: \$40  
Non-Members: Adjusters: \$40      Attorneys/Other: \$60

**\*\*Important: Beer Tasting registration must be received by October 20, 2021\*\***  
Bike Dog Brewery beer selections will be available the first of October – Stay tuned!

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Visit [www.awcp.org](http://www.awcp.org) for the  
Advance Conference Brochure

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Fall Conference Committee

“What is down is up, and what is left is right!”