



ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM

January 8-10, 2025
Marriott Marquis Hotel, NYC

Wednesday, January 8, 2025

6-7:30pm Welcome Reception for **Registered** Meeting Attendees
(Guest registration available on our website) UPPER TERRACE -9TH FL

Thursday, January 9, 2025

8:00 Registration/Continental Breakfast/Exhibitor Display 7TH FLOOR FOYER
8:55 Welcome: Erika Graham, Chair ASTOR ROOM-7TH FL

9:00 **IT'S ALL IN YOUR HEAD!**
(Concussions and more ...)
Speaker: Robert Duarte, MD
Superior Medical Consultants

9:40 NETWORK BREAK—Visit Exhibitors 7TH FLOOR FOYER

10:00 **CREDIT WHERE CREDIT IS DUE**
(Protecting your credit rights under WCL Section 15(3)(w))
Speaker: Tracey McLean and Zachary Pratt
Vaughan McLean

10:45 **A LESSON IN LEAV'IN**
(Demystifying leave types—an integrated approach for handling leaves in the workplace)
Speakers: Hana Bloch, Director, Leave Management Office
Kenesha Giocastro, Asst. Director, Leave Management Office
Nikki Adler, Manager, Leave Management Office
Columbia University

11:40 NETWORK BREAK – VISIT EXHIBITORS 7TH FLOOR FOYER
12:00 Lunch SOHO ROOM-7TH FL

1:10 Award Presentations/Election (Newly Elected Chair Suzanne Oommen) ASTOR ROOM-7TH FL

(Thursday continued)

1:30 **KEYNOTE: WORKERS' COMPENSATION BOARD UPDATE--
OPERATIONAL UPDATES FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

*Speakers: Hon. Clarissa Rodriguez, Chair
Steven M. Scotti, Executive Director
New York State Workers' Compensation Board*

2:00 NETWORK BREAK—VISIT EXHIBITORS

7th FLOOR FOYER

2:20 **TEAMWORK MAKES THE DREAM WORK**

(Collaboration and communication)

*Speakers: Misha Iokheles, Chartwell Law
Michele Donovan, RWCS, Cooper Companies
Kristina Petry, FutureComp*

3:00 **"IT'S BACK – WC JEOPARDY – TAKE TWO!"**

*Hosts: Julie Tennant, Eastman Kodak
Timothy Kemperle, UPS
Sheera Buckley, Syracuse University*

4:00 Meeting Adjourns/Exhibitor Prizes

ASTOR ROOM-7th FL

4:10 WCB Advisory Committee Meeting (members only)

HARLEM ROOM

4:45 NYSIA Board of Managers' Meeting

HARLEM ROOM

5:30 Reception

7th ROOM FOYER

Friday, January 10, 2025

8:00 Registration/Light Breakfast

7th FLOOR FOYER

9:00 Welcome: Paul Zaragoza, Newly Elected Vice Chair

ASTOR ROOM-7th FL

9:05 **REVIEW OF 2024 DECISIONS**

*Speaker: James Cousins
The Law Offices of Melissa A. Day*

10:20 BREAK

10:40 **RETHINKING YOUR MEDICARE COMPLIANCE PROGRAM**

(Reducing costs and risks)
*Speaker: Bridget Smith
Impaxx*

11:20 **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

*Speaker: Paul Zaragoza
New York City Department of Law*

12:00 Survivor Raffle/Meeting Adjourns