



## **ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM**

**January 16-18, 2019  
Roosevelt Hotel, NYC**

### **Wednesday, January 16, 2019**

6-7:30pm Welcome Reception for Registered Meeting Attendees  
*(Guest registration available)* TERRACE ROOM

### **Thursday, January 17, 2019**

8:15 Registration/Continental Breakfast/Exhibitor Display BALLROOM FOYER

9:00 Welcome: Mark Johnson, Chairman BALLROOM

9:10 **WHEN IS A KNEE NOT A KNEE--WHEN IT'S A SLU!**

(Implications of Gendus decision)

*Speakers: Jared Bretas, Esq. Senior Counsel*

*New York City Law Department*

*Dr. Jonathan Glassman, Orthopedist*

10:10 NETWORK BREAK—Visit Exhibitors FOYER/HALLWAY

10:30 **FROI & SROI--OH MY!**

*Speaker: Denise Hughes, Assistant Director of Claims Operations*

*New York State Workers' Compensation Board*

11:30 NETWORK BREAK – VISIT EXHIBITORS FOYER/HALLWAY

11:45 Lunch TERRACE ROOM

1:00 Membership Award Presentation/Election of Officers BALLROOM

1:10 Welcome Back—Annette Malpica, Newly Elected Chairperson

1:15 **KEYNOTE: WORKERS' COMPENSATION BOARD UPDATE**

*Speaker: Hon. Clarissa Rodriguez, Chair*

*New York State Workers' Compensation Board*

1:45 **FUTURE CLAIMS OFFICE**

(With baby boomers retiring and increasing demands from millennials, how will we keep this generation engaged in the claims industry? Being flexible, valuing ingenuity, and advancing advocacy will play a big role in the claims office of the future. In this session, you will hear what some companies are doing to evolve along with the workforce.)

*Speakers: Thomas W. Warsop III, York Risk Services*

*Michele Carroll, Sedgwick*

*Wesley Hyatt, Liberty Mutual Insurance Company*

*Janice Van Allen, Walmart (Moderator)*

2:40 NETWORK BREAK—Visit Exhibitors

FOYER/HALLWAY

3:00 **MEDICAL MARIJUANA**

(Pharmacological and Legal viewpoints)

*Speakers: Mark Pew, Preferred Medical*

*Renee E. Heitger, Esq., Hamberger & Weiss*

3:45 **LEGAL OPEN MIC!**

(Brush up on hot topics!)

*Speakers: Eric R. Chase, Esq., Wolff Goodrich & Goldman*

*Robert W. Manning, Esq., Stewart, Greenblatt, Manning & Baez*

4:15 Meeting Adjourns/Exhibitor raffle prizes announced

4:20 WCB Advisory Committee Meeting (members only)

STATE SUITE

5:00 NYSIA Board of Managers' Meeting

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5:30 Reception

BALLROOM FOYER



**Friday, January 18, 2019**

- 8:45 Registration/Coffee BALLROOM FOYER
- 9:00 Welcome: New Vice Chair BALLROOM
- 9:05 **REVIEW OF 2018 DECISIONS**  
*Speaker: James B. Cousins, Esq.*  
*Law Offices of Melissa A. Day, PLLC*
- 10:20 BREAK
- 10:40 **HEARING LOSS AND INNOVATIONS IN HEARING TECHNOLOGY—SAY WHAT?§**  
*Speakers: Aaron Spingarn, MD, First Choice Evaluations/MES Solutions*  
*Steve Labudzinski, Con Edison's Research & Development*
- 11:40 **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**  
*Speaker: Mindy Kapner Roller, Esq.*  
*New York City Law Department*
- 11:45 Survivor Raffle
- 12:00 Meeting Adjourns

