

CAAA



Winter Convention

The Westin Mission Hills Resort

Rancho Mirage

January 26-29, 2012



*Protecting California's
Workers Since 1966*



California Applicants' Attorneys Association



COME JOIN US IN 2012

Can you believe how quickly time flies? It seems like only yesterday that the media was all in a frenzy that we were a 30 billion dollar ripoff industry; and Arnold pushed out the nondescript Gray Davis, all resulting in unilateral changes enacted in SB-899. Despite defendants prevailing on many issues on appeal, we have won a few. Despite the reductions in PD up to 60% we are prevailing in many cases, such as [Almaraz/Guzman](#) and [Ogilvie](#).

We at CAAA invite you to join us at the January 2012 convention. It is now seven and a half years since they enacted SB 899, eliminating rights and remedies of injured workers. We have continued to fight the hard battles and brought you the best, most erudite and most accurate programs on the law as it is and should be. We have not won every battle, but at least we're starting to win more of them and we're changing the law to the good of the

injured workers. We are also educating the workers compensation community. This convention continues to do so.

We are pleased to open the convention with four brilliant panelists and myself, in a program on [LeBoeuf](#) and LC 4662 in proving up a total disability case absent loss of both arms, or Arnold's favorite, high velocity eye injures. The law is evolving in terms of [Almaraz/Guzman](#), [Ogilvie](#) and using the entire guides. Come listen. This program can be tremendously advantageous to you and your clients. This program provides both medical and legal credit.

We follow this program with a program on the AMA guides on the CVC. For the mathematically challenged, how much is 99 plus 99? Ask the AMA – they'll still give you 99. What is more accurate and equitable under [Almaraz/Guzman](#)?

We closed Thursday with a heated discussion on [Ogilvie](#). Several of the more outspoken attorneys on both sides of the bench, with a judge who has tried several [Ogilvie](#) cases, will lead the discussion.

Our Friday morning you have a choice: you can start the day with a run/walk, tennis or golf, or continue your learning experience with our Back to Basics course. This is an ethics course. We have brought back some of our exciting young members of the applicant and defense bar, who have brought us into the digital age of computers, wireless, and constant contact with Twitter, etc. Social media affects our daily lives. Lets see how it affects the practice and the injured worker when they tell the sub rosa investigator on facebook where they will be.

The regular members meeting will follow.

The afternoon will start with our most appreciated program, The Most Important Cases. We'll have to do without our chair, Joe Capurro, who is on a short leave of absence.. Our panelists will break the cases down and shake everybody up, and cover what is not covered in other panels.

Friday follows with a COLA decision from the Supreme Court in [Baker](#). See how it affects your clients and how to work with it.

We close Friday with a program on the manipulation of the media – what big business, big pharma is doing to manipulate the public's feelings about lawyers, tort analysis and injured workers. Our panelists exclude state Senators, media analysts and our Past President, Adam Dombchik. CAAA is pleased to announce that Susan Saladoff, Director and Producer of the *Hot Coffee* movie, will be our 2012 Keynote Speaker during this program.

Saturday morning, we are pleased to have our eminent colleagues, Jennifer Jordan, the nationally known author on the MSA treatise, and Robert Rassp and Marguerite Sweeney join us on the MSA dilemma in 2012 and beyond.

The next is a program on offsets. How do we get our clients the best settlement when they have credits against their settlement for third party cases, PERS, STRS, education, phone company. Soon to be President / Board Member James Butler will lead his panel in analysis of the above.

As we burn out on Sunday, we open with the MTUS, another acronym for UR and medical treatment. The President-Elect of CAAA, Lawrence Stern, will lead you through that maze of regulations that affect every decision made on your client's medical care.

We close with an additional medical/legal program on compensable consequences / apportionment. Our physicians will discuss their roles as internist, psychiatrist, etc., to advise whether to follow the primary physician's discussion of apportionment.

We look forward to seeing you in the beautiful Mission Hills at the 2012 CAAA Convention. You will enjoy the beautiful weather of the desert, the nightlife, meeting with old and new friends, and the hard work of our panelists, physicians and attorneys who continue to bring you the best education in the state of California.

Elliot S. Berkowitz
Education Chair
California Applicants' Attorneys Association

Registration Details

General Information

Winter Convention Dates

January 26-29, 2012

Convention Exhibit Dates

January 26-28, 2012

General Membership Meeting, which is held on Friday, January 27th at 11:15am - 12:30pm. This meeting is for Regular members only. Box lunch is included.

Registration Hours

Thursday, January 26
11:00 am - 6:20 pm

Friday, January 27
8:00 am - 6:30 pm

Saturday, January 28
7:30 am - 12:15 pm

Sunday, January 29
8:30 am - 11:45 am

Registration

What Does My Registration Fee Include?

- Access to all sessions
- Continuing education credits
- Convention Syllabus
- Entrance to Exhibitor Hall

How Do I Register?

- Complete the registration forms in this packet or download at www.caaa.org

- Fax to 916-444-0661 when paying by credit card or email rebecca@caaa.org

- Mail to:
CAAA State office
1303 J Street, Suite 420
Sacramento, CA 95814
Make payable to "CAAA"

- Submit your payment by **Monday, January 2, 2012** to get the pre-registration rate!

What If I Don't Receive A Confirmation Letter?

If you do not receive a confirmation letter via email within two weeks of registering, please call Rebecca Matulich at the CAAA State Office to confirm your registration, 916-444-5155.

What If I Need to Cancel?

Cancellations received prior to **Monday, January 2, 2012** are subject to \$50.00 handling fee. Cancellations must be in writing to generate a refund. No refunds or cancellations after **Monday, January 2, 2012**.

MCLE & LS Credit

This activity has been approved for Minimum Continuing Legal Education credit by the State Bar of California in the amount of 15.5 hours, 2.0 hours will apply to Ethics as appropriate to the content of the activities and, CAAA certifies that this activity conforms to the standards for approved education activities prescribed by the rules and regulations of the State Bar of California governing minimum continuing legal education. Provider #1279.

CAAA has been approved for 15.5 hours of Legal Specialization credit. Provider #1279.

DWC Medical Credit

DWC Medical Unit credit of 5.5 hours pending approval. CAAA certifies that this program conforms to the standards for approved education activities prescribed by the DWC for 5.5 hours of credit. Provider #160.

Convention Materials

Educational materials will be distributed to all registered participants at convention including printed materials and/or the electronic versions on flash drives. Please designate on your convention registration form which format you would request to have your materials. If pre-registered please check in at the CAAA convention registration counters to pick up materials and name badge. Exhibitors will receive one (1) flash drive per exhibit booth at exhibit check in Thursday morning. Additional copies of materials can be ordered after the convention. The convention order form will be available on the CAAA Bookstore at www.caaa.org

Exhibit/Vendor Hall

Exhibitors and Coffee service will be available in the Exhibitor Hall. You must have a badge to enter Exhibit Hall including Exhibit Reception Thursday Night.

Exhibit Hall Hours
Thursday, January 26
11:00 am - 8:00 pm

Friday, January 27
8:00 am - 6:45 pm

Saturday, January 28
7:30 am - 11:00 am

Continuing to Educate

Schedule

CAAA WINTER CONVENTION

PROGRAM TITLE		MCLE CREDIT	LS CREDIT	DWC CREDIT
THURSDAY, JANUARY 26				
1 PM - 2:30 PM	Total Disability, Labor Code 4662, and LeBoeuf Is there still beef in the barn? How to prepare for and prove a total disability case. Panelists: Elliot Berkowitz, Esq.; Martin Vego; Saul Allweiss, Esq.; Jack Goldfarb, Esq.; Honorable Scott Seiden	1.5	1.5	1.5
	BREAK - visit Exhibit Hall located in the Ambassador Ballroom			
3 PM - 4:20 PM	AMA Guides and the Combined Values Chart Learn how to rebut the Combined Values Chart to avoid its compressive effect. Recognizing the synergism of multiple disabilities. Can multiple disabilities be ADDED rather than combined using the CVC? Is ADDING more accurate under the <i>Guides</i> ? Panelists: Barry Gorelick, Esq.; Bert Arnold, Esq.; Robert Zeidner, Esq.	1.25	1.25	1.25
	BREAK - visit Exhibit Hall located in the Ambassador Ballroom			
4:50 PM - 6:20 PM	Ogilvie – Rebuttal of the FEC modifier The status of <i>Ogilvie</i> and how to handle current and future cases: A view from the bench, vocational expert, defense attorney and applicant’s attorney. Panelists: Tom Martin, Esq.; Paul Broadus; Honorable Gilbert Katen; Michael Sullivan, Esq.	1.5	1.5	
	FRIDAY, JANUARY 27			
9 AM - 11 AM	Back to Basics - The next generation REQUIRED COURSE: ETHICS The new generation of workers’ compensation defense and applicant attorneys will discuss the ethical considerations in the computer age, with social media, including protecting your clients’ right to privacy and potential conflicts of interest. Panelists: Steve Hinden, Esq.; Grace Cayan, Esq.; Roshacki Yaghobi, Esq.; Jeffrey Stern, Esq.; Jeremy Heisler, Esq.; Jason Marcus, Esq.	2.0 ETHICS	2.0	
	11:15 AM - 12:30 PM	General Membership Meeting Exclusively for CAAA Regular Members only. Name badges must be worn and boxed lunch will be provided for attendees.		
BREAK - visit Exhibit Hall located in the Ambassador Ballroom				
1 PM - 3 PM	Most Important Cases Panelists: Hon. Colleen Casey; William Herreras, Esq.; Melissa Brown, Esq.; Lawrence Silver, Esq.; G. Ronald Feenberg, Esq.	2.0	2.0	
	BREAK - visit Exhibit Hall located in the Ambassador Ballroom			

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 27 CONTINUED

3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

COLA Cases

Calculating and dealing with COLA cases, awards, attorney fees, and stipulations after *Baker* (XYZZX).

Panelists: Alan Wax, Esq.; Aaron Straussner, Esq.; Blair Megowan; Honorable Linda Davidson-Guerra

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BREAK - visit Exhibit Hall located in the Ambassador Ballroom

5 PM - 6:30 PM

The Politicization of workers' compensation

What are the media, big business and carrier's role in formulating the public's ideas of tort law and workers' compensation? This panel will discuss the recent documentary, *Hot Coffee*. What can we do? How can you help?

Panelists: Adam Dombchik, Esq.; Steve Hopcraft; Francis Sparagna, Esq.; Mike Herald; Martha Escutia; David DePaulo, Esq.; Keynote Speaker Susan Saladoff, Producer of *Hot Coffee*

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 28

8:30 AM - 10:15 AM

CMS, MSAs and Related Topics

including Settling Future Medical without CMS approval and Hartman Formula is Obsolete, Get the Correct Formulas

Panelists: Marguerite Sweeney, Esq.; Robert Rassp, Esq.; Jennifer Jordan, Esq.; William Winslow, Esq.

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BREAK - visit Exhibit Hall located in the Ambassador Ballroom

10:45 AM - 12:15 PM

Them Pesky Offsets

What happens with police, education code, PERS, STRS, phone company, third party, and others that claim an offset against workers' compensation benefits?

Panelists: James Butler, Esq.; David Dugan, Esq.; Cheryl Wallach, Esq.; Honorable Clifford Levy; Jill Singer, Esq.

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 29

9:00 AM - 10:30 AM

Protecting Your Client's Medical Care

Using regulations and the MTUS to get your client appropriate medical care. Getting the doctor paid. The role of the attorney and the doctor.

Panelists: Lawrence Stern, Esq.; Ira Johns, Esq.; Honorable Paige Levy; Philip Sobol, M.D.; Nachman Brautbar, M.D.; Daniel Paveloff, M.D.; Solomon Perlo, M.D.

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BREAK

10:45 AM - 11:45 AM

Compensable Consequences

From Ortho to Psych, Internal, and Neurological

Panelists: Arthur Lipper, M.D.; David Sones, M.D.; Ben Nakatani, Esq.

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**Total Credit for all four (4) days
(MCLE includes 2.0 units in required course ETHICS)**

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CALIFORNIA APPLICANTS' ATTORNEYS ASSOCIATION

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Convention Location

The Westin Mission Hills Resort
71333 Dinah Shore Drive
Rancho Mirage, CA 92270
Ph 760-328-5955

Room Reservations

from \$199 - \$209 per night
See hotel reservation form for additional guestroom details.

- Check-in 3:00 PM
- Check-out 12:00 PM

To qualify for the discounted room rate the designated Host Hotel will only accept room reservations that

rate the designated Host Hotel will only accept room reservations that are processed through the CAAA state office. All hotel reservations require a completed hotel reservation form and payment, and a paid convention registration form.

Hotel Confirmations

For more information contact Nathalie Leplat at nathalie@caaa.org or call 916-444-5155.

For Driving Directions

<http://www.westinmissionhills.com/Driving-Directions>

Childcare

Daycare is available for registrants and exhibitors that have children ages 0 - 4 and 5 and up. Kids Along is an innovative company that provides events for kids as part of meetings, incentive programs and special events. For 15 years, Kids Along has been a provider of this unique brand of service to more than 25 Fortune 500 companies and top-rated hotels around the world. Kids Along has worked closely with CAAA for several years and customized each and every event, while providing safe, educationally

enriching, and fantastic programs for kids of all ages.

KidsAlong has the credentials, the reputation, and a client list that is unmatched in the industry. Register your children for the next convention and they'll take care of the kids, while you take care of your education and networking opportunities!

Registration Confirmations

Confirmations will be sent to the email address listed on the registration form. Contact Rebecca Matulich 916-444-5155 or email rebecca@caaa.org

Jerry Goldberg Semi Annual Golf Tournament

Players Name _____

Cell Phone _____ Handicap _____ Most Recent Score _____

Please check one: Applicant Defense Industry Guest Request Other _____

Foursome Request:

Player 1 _____

Player 2 _____

Player 3 _____

Player 4 _____

**Tournament Scheduled for
Friday, January 27th
7:30 AM Shot Gun**

On Site Childcare with Kids Along

Reservations are required. A \$50 fee per child per day is required.

Please include payment with your convention registration form. We are limited to the amount of children per day. Fee includes breakfast,

snacks and lunch. Ages accepted 0-4 and 5 and up.

Daycare Hours

Thursday, January 26 12:00 pm - 6:45 pm

Friday, January 27 8:30 am - 7:00 pm

Saturday, January 28 8:00 am - 12:45 pm

Sunday, January 29 8:30 am - 12:15 pm

Parent(s) Name _____

Contact Number (cell preferred) _____

Child's Name _____ Age _____ Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday

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Please include completed daycare form with registration. May be purchased at door for same amount

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REGISTRATION | 2012 WINTER CONVENTION

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REGISTRANT INFORMATION

Registrant Name _____ CA State Bar # _____

Business Name _____

Business Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone # _____ Fax # _____

Email Address (required for confirmation) _____

PAYMENT

Credit Card VISA MC AMEX Name (as appears on card) _____

Billing Zip Code _____ Credit Card # _____ Exp. Date _____

CSV# (3 digit code) _____ Authorized Signature _____

Check Check # _____ (Make checks payable to "CAAA") Please charge my 2012 Membership Dues\$ _____

REGISTRATION FEES (TO QUALIFY FOR MEMBERSHIP RATES, 2012 DUES MUST BE PAID IN FULL)

Advanced Registration Fees* (On or before January 2, 2012) **ADVANCED FEES NO LONGER AVAILABLE**

~~Regular Member.....\$ 745 Associate Member.....\$ 745 Non Member.....\$ 945 Paralegal.....\$595~~

At Door Registration Fees* (After January 11th bring to convention registration counter)

Regular Member.....\$ 795 Associate Member.....\$ 795 Non-Member.....\$ 995 Paralegal.....\$645

One Day Pass Fees (After January 11th bring to convention registration counter)

Member Per Day Only.....\$ 265 Non Member Per Day Only.....\$ 365 **Circle Days that Apply:** Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday

Convention Materials - select only one version (All flash drives and printed materials will be distributed at convention)

Digital Version (Power will be available for laptop users & syllabus download stations will also be available for tablet users)

Printed Version

ACTIVITIES

Golf Tournament \$110 per golfer (include completed golf form).....\$ _____ Daycare \$50 per child/per day (include completed daycare form)..... \$ _____

Run/Walk Event \$40 per participant (fee includes t-shirt) \$ _____ Spouse's Badge (vendor hall only).....\$ **FREE**

Tennis Tournament \$40 per player..... \$ _____ Spouse's Name _____

Attendee must be registered for the entire event to qualify for a complimentary spouse badge. Badge allows entrance for exhibit hall only for entire 3 days.

*Registration for all 4 days includes admittance to all educational programs, exhibit hall & participation in CAAA Exhibit Welcome Reception & Raffle.

Confirmation letters will be emailed to address above once payment has been processed. If you do not receive a registration confirmation letter, call the CAAA state office. **Cancellation and Refunds:** Cancellations received prior to Monday, January 2, 2012 are subject to a \$50.00 handling fee. Cancellations must be in writing to generate a refund. **No refunds or cancellations after Monday, January 2, 2012.** Questions? Contact Rebecca Matulich rebecca@caaa.org

Mail or Fax Forms

CAAA 1303 J Street, Suite 420, Sacramento, CA 95814
Ph 916 444 5155 Fax 916 444 0661

Membership Dues total \$ _____

Convention total \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE \$ _____



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**California Applicants' Attorneys Association
Westin Mission Hills Resort**
Room Reservation Request for
Winter Convention January 26-29, 2012



Mail or fax room reservation request with convention registration form & payment directly to
California Applicants' Attorneys Association 1303 J Street, Suite 420, Sacramento, CA 95814
To expedite process fax form with credit card information to 916-444-0661

REGISTRATION INFORMATION. Please Type/print your information. One registrant per form

Arrival Date _____ Departure Date _____
 Number of Adults (18 yrs or older) _____ Number of children _____
 Registrant _____
 Company _____
 Address _____
 _____ Email _____
 Phone _____ Fax _____ Cell _____

GUEST ROOMS & RATES

(Please check one)	Description	Bed Choice (circle one)	Rate
<input type="checkbox"/> Run of the house	600 sq ft oversized room with Heavenly Beds Luxurious bathrooms, private patios	King or 2 Queens	\$199.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOLD OUT Standard 1 Bedroom Villa (Limited Amount)	580 sq ft Queen bed w/sleeper sofa DVD, full kitchenette, washer/dryer & Dish washer	Queen only	\$209.00
Requests: <input type="checkbox"/> Handicap Room <input type="checkbox"/> Crib <input type="checkbox"/> Additional			

PAYMENT

(Please check one)
 Visa _____ Credit Card # _____ Exp. date _____
 MasterCard _____
 American Express _____ Signature _____
 Discover _____

RESERVATION DETAILS

Requests for reservations may be handled only by Fax or by Mail directly through CAAA. Only 1 hotel room per paid convention registration. Exhibitors are allowed 3 hotel rooms maximum per booth. Group rates available 3 days prior & 3 days following Convention based on availability. **Any cancellations or changes in departure to an earlier date received after December 12, 2011 will result in a FULL charge to the individual for the ENTIRE length of the reservation. This will be the responsibility of the individual guest and not the California Applicants' Attorneys Association. Any cancellations or requests for changes to your accommodations MUST BE IN WRITING via fax or email and should be forwarded to the California Applicants' Attorneys Association by December 12, 2011.** No verbal cancellations will be accepted.

All sleeping room accommodations are subject to all prevailing taxes and assessments, currently 12.065%. There is a additional charge of \$35 per person / per day over the double occupancy. Hotel check-in time is 3 pm and check-out time is Noon.

Requests received after December 12, 2011, or if the convention block is already filled, will be confirmed on a space available basis. If you do not receive confirmation within 15 days of submitting your request, please contact Nathalie Leplat at the CAAA Office at (916) 444-5155.

I acknowledge I have read this entire form and understand the policy of cancellations. Please sign and date to indicate your acceptance of this application.

Signature _____ Date _____