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AREAS OF PRACTICE

Workers' Compensation

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ADMISSIONS

Florida
2002

U.S. District Court Middle
District of Florida
2007

EDUCATION

Florida Coastal School of Law
(J.D., 2002)

University of North Florida
(B.A., 1997)

OVERVIEW

Linda practices exclusively in the area of workers' compensation defense. As an advocate for her clients, Linda not only defends insurance carriers and self-insured employers in workers' compensation matters, but also provides guidance for implementing effective risk management strategies and workers' compensation programs with an eye toward cost efficiency. When businesses are audited by the State for workers' compensation coverage compliance or subject to stop-work orders, Linda partners with them to develop a strategic defense approach. She also assists clients with premium disputes and some employment matters, and also represents uninsured employers with regard to workers' compensation claims.

Linda is an active instructor who lectures on various issues involving workers' compensation. She has lectured on behalf of the Workers' Compensation Section of The Jacksonville Bar Association, Lorman Education Services and AAA Construction School. She is also a Certified Instructor of Insurance Education, State of Florida, and often presents seminars to clients. Linda also speaks regularly for the Workers' Compensation Claims Professionals organization.

Prior to joining Marshall Dennehey, Linda was the workers' compensation practice group leader at one of the leading defense firms in the southeast. Linda has been awarded an AV® Preeminent™ rating by Martindale-Hubbell, the highest rating for professional competence.

Linda is a native of Jacksonville. Before entering law school, she worked as a business consultant for a national management company.

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

Marshall Dennehey Expands Workers' Compensation Department Into the Sunshine State

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January 24, 2018

Marshall Dennehey Warner Coleman & Goggin has expanded its Workers' Compensation Department into the state of Florida with the additions of Heather Byrer Carbone, shareholder; Linda Wagner Farrell, shareholder; and associate Kelly M. Read More

The First District Court of Appeal finds, because of its unreasonable delay, the employer failed to provide the alternate physician and competent substantial evidence existed to support the factual finding.

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July 1, 2020

The claimant sustained a compensable work injury in 2015 and was authorized to treat with Dr. What's Hot in Workers' Comp

It is the disability, not the disease, that determines compensability.

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June 1, 2020

Judge of Compensation Claims stresses that under the occupational disease statutory provision, it is the disability What's Hot in Workers' Comp is prepared by Marshall Dennehey Warner Coleman & Goggin to provide information on recent legal develop

What's Hot in Workers' Comp, Vol. 24, No. 6, June 2020

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June 1, 2020

Denial of choice of one-time change physician affirmed. Misconduct finding reversed and remanded, and instruction to reconsider claim for temporary partial disability benefits.

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May 1, 2020

First District Court of Appeal affirms judge's denial of the claimant's selection of one-time change physician but reverses and remands the judge's finding of misconduct What's Hot in Workers' Comp is prepared by Marshall Dennehey Warner Coleman & Goggin to provide information on recent legal develop

What's Hot in Workers' Comp, Vol. 24, No. 5, May 2020

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May 1, 2020

CLASSES/SEMINARS TAUGHT

Opioids...The Not So New Epidemic, Workers' Compensation Claims Professionals

YEAR JOINED

2018

Annual Claims & Leadership Conference, June 10, 2019

Opioids in Workers' Compensation, Florida Bar Workers' Compensation Forum, April 12, 2019

Opioids...The not so New Epidemic, Workers' Compensation Claims Professionals Holiday Conference, December 13, 2018

Top 5 Challenges Relative to Workers' Compensation Claims, Property and Casualty Claims and For Mediators, FCCI Educational Conference, October 2018

Medical Marijuana in Workers' Compensation, 2018 Florida Bar Workers' Compensation Forum, April 13, 2018

PUBLISHED WORKS

"*Ex Parte* Doctor Conferences Cannot Suggest, Direct or Instruct What Treatment or Care to Recommend," *Defense Digest*, Vol. 25, No. 1, March 2019

Case Law Alerts, contributor, April 2018-present

What's Hot in Workers' Comp, contributor, March 2018-present

RESULTS

Successful Defense of PTD Benefits and More in Florida.

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April 11, 2019

We successfully defended a petition for permanent total disability benefits, supplemental benefits and penalties, interest, costs and attorneys fees. The judge entered a Final Compensation Order, finding the claimant was not permanently and totally disabled despite a substantial, but not exhaustive, job search.

Defense Verdict in Final Compensation Order

Workers' Compensation

January 17, 2019

The order involved multiple petitions filed by a *pro se* claimant for compensability of contact dermatitis and concrete burns allegedly sustained while working. The judge ruled in favor of the employer on all petitions, finding compensability was previously resolved and the ongoing issues were moot. The judge denied and dismissed, with prejudice, claims for temporary total and temporary partial disability benefits, authorization of medical care, and all corresponding penalties and interest.

Successful Defense of Petition for Permanent Total Disability Benefits and More

Workers' Compensation

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SIGNIFICANT REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

Obtained a defense verdict in a Final Compensation Order involving multiple Petitions filed by a *pro se* claimant for compensability of contact dermatitis and concrete burns allegedly sustained while working. The Judge ruled in favor of the employer/carrier on all Petitions finding compensability was previously resolved and the ongoing issues were moot.

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