

# Southern California Chapter HOLIDAY SEMINAR Wednesday, December 14, 2016

ORANGE COUNTY MINING COMPANY  
10000 S Crawford Canyon Rd, SANTA ANA, CA 92705

## AGENDA

8:00am - 9:00am Registration and Breakfast

9:00am – 10:00am	<b><u>WC Claims Management – Inside/Out</u></b>  The goal of this session is to assess the role of emotions and the value of relationship building in the claims management process. This will be achieved by taking a deeper look at the psycho-social aspects of a claim, as reflected by the injured worker, and by assessing our own attitudes about disability management.	Angie Jung Healthcare Program Administrator Career Smart
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10:15am – 10:30am Break/Networking

10:30am – 11:30am	<b><u>Legal Marijuana in our Public Agencies</u></b>  With Proposition 64 passing in California, public agencies are about to face a mountain of challenging situations regarding new business and public use. This session will delve into what the new environment will look like.	David MacPherson HDL Companies
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11:30am – 12:30pm Lunch/Networking

12:30pm— 1:00pm	<b><u>Fighting WC Fraud</u></b>  Insurance Fraud is one of America's largest crimes and it has targeted the Worker's Compensation system for years. This presentation provides the formula and case examples to guide you in successfully fighting fraud	Jennifer Snyder, Esq. Head Deputy Los Angeles County District Attorney
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1:00 pm— 1:30pm	<b><u>Medical Treatment</u></b>  Medical treatment has had significant changes in the Worker's Compensation system since 2004 and SB899.. This presentation focuses on current trends after a complete overhaul of the system.	Negar Matian, Esq. Managing Partner Matian Law Group
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1:30pm—1:45pm Break/Networking

1:45pm— 2:45pm	<b><u>Drone On: How Flying Robots Will Affect Our Lives</u></b>  How did drones go from someone's basement to a multi billion dollar industry? We will discuss this phenomenon, current regulations, insurance coverage and how they are affecting public entities.	Damon Willens, Esq. Partner Anderson, McPharlin & Conners
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# Seminar Details

<b>Cost:</b>	The meeting is free to Public Agency Members. All Associate Members and Guests are \$40.00. Space is limited, please RSVP today!
<b>RSVP:</b>	Candice Fisher, Human Resources Analyst II, City of Brea Phone: (714) 671-4446 Email: candicef@ci.brea.ca.us
<b>Cancellation Policy:</b>	Five days prior to meeting. No-shows will be billed \$40

## Speaker Bios

### Angie Jung

Angie has over 25 years of experience as a nurse case manager. She is a certified nurse case manager and certified rehabilitation nurse. She is one of the original founders of ISYS Solutions, Inc., which provides nurse case management in the workers' compensation industry, and CareerSmart Learning, which provides continuing education to healthcare, rehabilitation, and social services professionals nationwide. Angie's approach to case management and to educating are similar: she strives to ensure high quality content and delivery.

### David MacPherson

David McPherson is a Principal at HdL Companies which represents over 400 cities and counties in California. Prior to joining the firm, he served 28 years in local government for the County of Orange, the cities of Newport Beach, San Jose and Oakland. While working for the City of Oakland, he became the first Tax Administrator in the Country to successfully tax, audit and help regulate the Cannabis Industry. David is one of the state's most recognized experts in cannabis horticulture, processing and dispensary operations. He uses his experience dealing with the Industry to assist local and state agencies in developing medical marijuana policies for regulation, taxation, compliance, auditing and economic development.

He worked closely with the League of Cities and lobbyists on the development of AB 243, SB 243 and AB 266 which established the Medical Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act (MCRSA). David is currently working on implementation and regulatory requirements for Prop 64 with local agencies to prepare them to mitigate several issues surrounding the ballot measure. Furthermore, he continues to provide technical support to the League of Cities, the Police Chief Association, Rural County Representatives of California, and the California State Association of Counties. In addition, David is working collaboratively with the Department of Consumers Affairs, Department of Food & Agriculture, Department Health Services and the State Board of Equalization in the implementation of best practices in regulating the Cannabis Industry for local agencies.

David received his Bachelor's Degree in History from California State University, Fullerton and his Master's Degree in Public Administration from California State University, Long Beach.

### Jennifer Snyder (cont'd)

Ms. Jennifer Snyder, Esq. is a 25 year veteran of the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, currently serving as the Head Deputy of the Healthcare Fraud Division. Jennifer is a member of the California District Attorneys Association Insurance Fraud Committee. She is a member of the CDAA working group providing input to Covered California on the criminal law considerations in healthcare insurance matters, and the implementation of the Affordable Care Act in California. She continues to



# Speaker Bios (cont'd)

## **Jennifer Snyder (cont'd)**

provide training throughout the state for public agencies, law enforcement and public interest groups on a variety of topics. In 1997, Jennifer was named one of the top lawyers in the state by California Lawyer magazine. In 2011, Jennifer was again recognized as one of the top 100 Lawyers in California by the Daily Journal, California's legal newspaper. She is a member of the executive committee of the Los Angeles County Bar Criminal Justice Section. Jennifer previously served for more than 12 years in the Public Integrity Division, where, among other duties, she headed the team of prosecutors involved in the investigation and criminal prosecution of the Bell City Officials, and conducted all Brown Act inquiries undertaken by the DA's office. She prosecuted public officials for misappropriation of public funds, fraud, perjury and grand theft, including service providers under contract with the County of Los Angeles who billed for services that were never provided.

## **Negar Matian**

Ms. Matian is the Managing Partner of Matian Law Group. She has extensive trial and courtroom experience in workers' compensation defense, particularly in litigation involving case-in-chief matters, section 132(a), S&W, and lien claims. Ms. Matian has represented the interests of self-insured employers, insurance companies and third party administrators such as Sedgwick CMS, York Risk Services Group, Gallagher Bassett, and Tristar Risk Management. Her accomplishments include victories against catastrophic cases with damages over 2.2 million dollars. In addition, Ms. Matian has litigated and prevailed on S&W death claims and extraordinary medical issues such as: head concussions, strokes, special death benefits, cancer and diabetes-related amputations.

Ms. Matian is very passionate about advocating reform and lobbies in Sacramento on behalf of employers and insurance companies. In this respect, Ms. Matian has spearheaded a presentation circuit with physicians, PhDs, and experts, providing information on all facets of the work comp system including SB863, fraud, and medical issues. She continues to advance these efforts by keeping abreast of regulatory developments and case law and incorporating them in her presentations through her Workers' Comp educational circuit geared towards educating claims administrators with the most current applicable law. Ms. Matian is also an accomplished writer having published several legal abstracts and commentaries on Workers' Compensation issues such as: Apportionment, UR/IMR, HHC, Almaraz/Guzman, and ODG v. ACOEM.

## **Damon Willens**

Before joining AMC, Mr. Willens spent several years as a practicing trial attorney in the insurance defense industry, representing clients in a variety of areas including automobile accident, municipal and premises liability, aircraft accident litigation, and uninsured motorist cases. He has tried approximately 30 cases to jury verdict.

Mr. Willens currently specializes in specialty casualty defense including complex environmental, toxic tort and premises liability litigation, as well as extra contractual defense and real estate litigation. He was lead litigation counsel for Sizzler USA Restaurants, Inc. in Southern California, handling premises liability defense, employment, and ADA matters. He leads AMC's Unmanned Aerial Systems practice group and has made numerous presentations to legal and insurance professionals, drone organizations and users, and municipalities on developing issues in this new industry.

Since 1996, Mr. Willens has been a reserve police officer for the Los Angeles Police Department. He is also a licensed commercial pilot, rated in multi-engine jet aircraft. He owns a DJI Phantom III drone and when not reading or talking about drones, he can be found flying the drone and posting about drone issues on Twitter @califdronelaw