

# SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER MEETING WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH

## **Meeting Agenda**

8:00-9:00 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast

9:00-9:15 a.m. Welcome and Introductions

9:15-10:30 a.m. Tackling Challenges in Accommodating Mental Disabilities in the Workplace

Presenter: Danny Yoo, Atty, Liebert Cassidy Whitmore

(I CE and 1 MCLE certificate provided)

Public sector disability discrimination claims are on the rise and many employers will be confronted with the challenge of dealing with an employee whose mental disorder impacts or limits his or her job performance. Unlike physical disabilities, mental disabilities can be difficult to recognize and/or accommodate. This presentation will address some of the unique challenges an employer faces when presented with this issue including:

- The employer's responsibility when an unspoken mental disability is suspected
- What (and how far) an employer is required to go to accommodate a mental disability
- Recognizing when the accommodation process has ended
- The circumstances under which an employer can separate a disabled employee



Danny Yoo is an associate in the law firm of Liebert Cassidy Whitmore. He represents public agency clients in all facets of labor and employment law. He regularly provides advice to clients on the evaluation and discipline of employees and the disability interactive process, Danny has assisted numerous clients in updating rules and policies, including drug testing policies, leave policies, disability retirement procedures, and personnel rules. He has successfully represented clients in administrative appeal hearings of employee discipline, and has also litigated on behalf of clients in State and Federal court, both at the trial and appellate level. Danny's litigation matters include wage and hour, discrimination, and employee discipline cases. Danny is a graduate from UC Berkley and received his Juris Doctorate from Loyola Marymount University School of Law.

10:30-10:45 a.m. BREAK AND NETWORKING



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10:45-12:00 p.m. Spin the Wheel, Permanent Disability Edition!!!

Presenters: Paula White, Atty, Mullen & Filippi; Dana Miller, Atty, Mullen & Filippi (1 CE, 1 MCLE certificate provided)

Come join us for a fun, interactive and informative discussion about current trends and legal strategies affecting Permanent Disability exposures. Has Almaraz/Guzman become the rule instead of the exception? Do vocational experts still have a place in Permanent Disability disputes? Are psychological, sex and sleep disorders still alive and kicking? Why are doctors suddenly adding impairments instead of combining? How are the rules affecting apportionment changing? Audience members will spin the wheel to find out, and may even win a prize! You will hear from two experienced Workers' Compensation attorneys, one arguing the applicant's position, and one arguing for the defense, to gain insights into these and other issues.



Paula White was admitted to practice law in California and has been a member of the California State Bar Association since 1992. Since that time, she has practiced Workers' Compensation law. Paula joined Mullen & Filipi in September 1998. Since the inception of her career with the firm, Paula has advanced to a Managing Senior Partner and currently manages their Stockton office. There have been multiple accomplishments along her journey, and she feels that one of them was having the opportunity to present oral argument in both the 3rd and 5th District Court of Appeals resulting in significant decisions for her clients. Paula received her Juris Doctorate from Humphreys College School of Law in Stockton.



Dana Miller started as a Liability claims adjuster in 1988, then as a Workers' Compensation adjuster in 1992. After passing the Bar in 1996 he joined Mullen & Filippi in August 1997. He became a Senior Partner with the firm in 2006. Dana specializes in representation of public entity and large self-insured private sector clients. He also represents employers in Serious and Willful Misconduct and 132(a) Discrimination cases. Dana is a graduate of UC Santa Cruz and received his Juris Doctorate from Empire College School of Law. Dana has also been certified as a Worker's Compensation Specialist by the California Board of Legal Specialization.

12:00-1:00 p.m. LUNCH AND NETWORKING



Date: September 26, 2018
Time: 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Location: Joint Power Insurance Authority

8081 Moody St., La Palma, CA 90623



Please confirm your attendance with online registration - Click here to register
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