

Annual Workers' Compensation Conference 2024

Friday, April 12, 2024 to
Saturday, April 13, 2024

In-Person at Salishan Coastal Lodge,
7760 US-101, Gleneden Beach

CLE Credits: *pending*

Schedule

Friday, April 12

11:00 Registration

11:30 Lunch

12:15 Section Business Meeting

Martin Fisher, *WC Executive Committee Chair,
Staff Attorney, SAIF Corporation*

Professionalism Award Presentation

**What's New at the WCB and Hearings
Division?**

Joy Dougherty, *Board Chair, WCB*
Jacqueline Jacobson, *Presiding Administrative
Law Judge, WCB*

1:30 Keynote Presentation: **Be A Proud
Workers' Compensation Attorney**

The Honorable James C. Egan, *Oregon Court of
Appeals*

2:30 Break

2:45 The Discovery Channel

Arthur W. Stevens III, *Partner, Black, Chapman,
Petersen & Stevens*
Christo de Villiers, *Attorney, Liberty Mutual
Insurance*
Nicholas Cordes, *Administrative Law Judge,
WCB*

3:45 Legislative Update

Keith Semple, *Partner, Johnson, Johnson, Lucas
& Middleton*
Kevin Anderson, *Partner, SBH Legal*

5 - 7:30 Family Friendly reception

Registration:

[Click here to register](#)

\$300 WC Section members

\$350 Regular Registration

\$250 New OSB members (admitted after 1/1/23)

\$250 WCB/WCD employees (enter code SWC24WCB to
receive discount)

\$200 legal assistants/paralegals (enter code
SWC24LAP to receive discount)

Hotel info:

Rooms are available at Salishan Lodge at a special
conference rate. To secure a room at the conference
rate, please call 541-764-3600. Make sure you
identify yourself as a participant in the OSB Workers'
Compensation Section Annual Meeting to get the
special rate.



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accessibility accommodations?

Call or email the OSB CLE Service Center:
(503) 431-6413 or (800) 452-8260, ext. 413, or
cle@osbar.org

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Center at least 72 hours prior to the event date
will be refunded the registration fee minus a
\$50 administrative fee. Requests received after
that time are granted at the discretion of the
section.

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7:45 **Breakfast**

8:00 **Teamwork in Advocacy**

Aaron Price, *Partner, Welch, Bruun & Green*
Rebecca Fey, *Partner, Reinisch Wilson PC*

9:00 **Everyday Ethics in Workers' Compensation
Cases: Hypotheticals to Assist in Navigating
the Rules**

Amber Bevacqua-Lynott, *Senior Counsel, Buchalter*

10:00 **Break**

10:15 **Addressing Occupational Stress and Burnout
Through the Total Worker Health Approach**

Katia Costa-Black, Ph.D., *Senior Manager for
Education and Partnerships
Oregon Institute of Occupational Health Sciences,
OHSU*

David Hurtado, Sc.D., *Associate Professor Oregon
Institute of Occupational Health Sciences, OHSU*

11:15 **Appellate Update**

Larry D. Schucht, *Trial Attorney, SAIF Corporation*

12:15 **Adjourn**

Keynote Speaker

Judge James C. "Jim" Egan



A lifelong Oregonian, Judge James C. "Jim" Egan grew up in Tangent, Oregon, and currently makes his home in Albany. Prior to serving as a judge on the Court of Appeals, Jim worked as a lawyer in private practice for twenty-five years representing injured Oregonians, including injured workers, in trial and at all levels of appeal.

Jim Egan graduated West Albany HS in 1974. He became a father as a teenager and worked his way through college while supporting his family, earning a degree from Willamette University in 1979. He entered the U.S. Marine Corps, and after years of active commissioned duty, he returned to Oregon and attended law school at the University of Oregon where he graduated in 1985.

Over the years, Jim served as an officer in the Linn County Bar Association. He volunteered on the Affirmative Action Committee of the Oregon Bar Association. He served as an officer in the Workers' Compensation Section. He was elected to the House of Delegates of the Oregon State Bar and to the Board of the Oregon Trial Lawyers Association where he served as President from 2005 until 2006. Jim served on the Tangent City Planning Commission, the Linn County Planning Commission, and the Fire Board in Tangent until he was deployed to the Middle East in 2008.

Upon his return from deployment, Governor Ted Kulongoski appointed Judge Egan to the Circuit Court bench where he presided over a wide variety of cases. In 2012, Judge Egan ran for Position 6 on the Oregon Court of Appeals. He won the election in 35 out of Oregon's 36 counties and the citizens of Oregon elected him by a wide margin. Oregonians re-elected Jim in 2018.

In 2018, Judge Egan's peers nominated him to lead the Oregon Court of Appeals as Chief Judge. The Chief Justice of the Oregon Supreme Court appointed him to that position where he presided until December 31st, 2021. Jim currently sits in Position 6 on the Oregon Court of Appeals.

Judge Egan is married to Michelle Egan. Jim and Michelle have a blended family of eight children – two are lawyers. They enjoy the company of their nine grandchildren. In the summer, the Egan family enjoys camping and watersports. Jim really likes to jet ski.

Judge Jim Egan believes that life experience informs decisions from the bench, but that the rule of law should be applied equally to everyone. Jim advocates for diversity on the bench which he views as assurance for equal application of the law, judicial independence, and equal access to justice.