

ORLANDO

Virtual Meeting (in lieu of meeting at the 2023 Fall National Meeting)

WORKERS' COMPENSATION (C) TASK FORCE

Monday, November 6, 2023 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. ET / 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. CT / 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. MT / 8:00 – 9:00 a.m. PT

Meeting Summary Report

The Workers' Compensation (C) Task Force met Nov. 6, 2023. During this meeting, the Task Force:

Heard a presentation from Quintairos, Prieto, Wood & Boyer, P.A. (QPWB) on the unintended consequences of the legalization of cannabis on workers' compensation. Cannabis fits into workers' compensation in the following ways: 1) it can be the cause of an accident; 2) intoxication can be used as a defense to an accident; 3) intoxication of any kind can make a difference in an accident; 4) it can be used to treat a workers' compensation injury, and 5) it can be a long-term alternative for workers' compensation injuries. Additionally, the legalization of cannabis brings about changes for employers, changes in the investigation of a claim, and changes for insurers.