



PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER PRESENTS

# COVID-19: IMPACT ON WORKERS' COMPENSATION

**DATE: WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH 1:00 PM-2:00 PM (EST)**

Panel of Speakers:

**Alicia DePalma**

AVP Claims Consultant, Lockton Companies – Northeast Series

**Chase Leist**

Director, Insurance & Risk Management, HITT Contracting

**Wendy S. Smith**

Partner & Director

Workers' Compensation & General Litigation Practice Groups,  
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Moderator: **Michael Cusack**

President, Philadelphia CPCU Society Chapter



# About the Speakers



## Philadelphia Chapter



Alicia DePalma is a claims consultant working out of Lockton Northeast's Philadelphia office. In this position, she focuses on servicing the claims needs of clients by empowering them to have a voice in resolving their claims, advocating for them on difficult or significant claims, consulting and providing guidance on their claim program, and training and providing educational materials to facilitate a comprehensive understanding of the claim process. Her expertise spans a range of insurance specialties, including P&C, commercial, and liability insurance, and she holds a designation in Associate Risk Management – ERM



Chase Leist oversees the insurance and risk management team and all insurance matters for HITT Contracting, a nationally-ranked General Contractor with operations throughout the US and Canada. Chase's responsibilities include serving as subject matter expert for insurance, advising on project and pursuit approach through risk evaluation, insurance pricing and budgeting, and spearheading ongoing insurance and risk management education in collaboration with Safety, Operations and Site Operations. Chase has extensive experience with policy underwriting, coverage negotiation, contract review and compliance, and claim handling.



Wendy S. Smith is a Partner and the Chair of the Northeast Workers' Compensation Department. Wendy is responsible for defending insurance carriers, self-insured entities and third-party administrators in workers' compensation, general liability and subrogation matters in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York. She is experienced in all levels of workers' compensation matters, from higher volume, routine injuries to complex cases involving unique medical, legal or factual circumstances.