

NAVIGATING THE LEGAL JUNGLE

DEFENDING NE CLAIMS WITH STRATEGY AND PRECISION

THURSDAY, APRIL 17

8:45 AM	Registration	
9:10 AM	Introduction and Welcome	Paul Barta
9:15 AM	Law of the Jungle: Trends in the Trial Courts	Dallas Jones & Adam Barrett
9:45 AM	Strong as an Ox? Application of the AMA Guidelines to Work Injuries and Appropriate Factors in Determining Work Restrictions	Dr. Nick Bruggeman, MD Orthopedic Surgeon & Introduction & Context from David Dudley
10:15 AM	“Paws” and Think: An Interactive Discussion on Compensability	Tom Shires & Makenzie Falcon
10:45 AM	Den Rest (Break)	
11:00 AM	Panel - Chicken or the Egg?: Determining When An Accident Aggravates a Preexisting Condition: Applying the Science to the Law	Orthopedic Surgeons Noah Porter, MD & Michael Coffey, MD & Paul Barta
11:45 AM	Zookeeper's Meal (Lunch)	
12:45 PM	Protect Against the Predators: What to Know About Statute of Limitations & Notice Defenses	Mikayla Hoffmann
1:00 PM	Keeping the 800-pound Gorilla at Bay: Top 10 Tips when Dealing with Medicare	Dallas Jones
1:30 PM	Statute Safari: Tracking the Big Game of 2025 Legal Changes	Eric Sutton
1:45 PM	The Lion's Share: Calculating Average Weekly Wage	Michael Reisbig
2:15 PM	Hiding in the Grass: Medical Marijuana, and the legal realities that we in Nebraska now face	Micah Hawker-Boehnke
2:35 PM	Giraffe Stretch (Break)	
2:50 PM	Panel - Repetitive Trauma Injuries: What's Monkey Business and What's Not? A comprehensive discussion of repetitive trauma cases discussing recent data on occupational risk factors while contrasting the same vs old notions that are still prevalent in the medical community	Orthopedic Surgeons Dr. Matthew Dilisio, MD & Dr. Alex Lesiak, MD & Tom Shires
3:35 PM	Dealing with the Elephant in the Room: Overcoming Settlement Approval Obstacles with the NEWCC	David Dudley
4:05 PM	Reception + Animals	
4:45 PM	Networking + Zoo Time	



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