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NOTE: An annotated list of Internet resources is much more useful than reprints of materials that are readily available.

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Internet Resources for Pennsylvania Workers’ Compensation Practitioners

Pennsylvania Workers’ Compensation Links

Pennsylvania Appellate Opinions
(published daily by the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts)
http://www.pacourts.us/Opinions/Default.htm

Bureau, Department of Adjudication, and SWIF Home Pages

Go to the Department of Labor and Industry website: http://www.dli.state.pa.us.
Click on the “Workers’ Compensation” button near the bottom of the page. This will take you to the Bureau of Workers’ Compensation home page, with links to the Office of Adjudication and the State Workers’ Insurance Fund (SWIF).

Bureau Home Page

Follow the procedure above. The links in the left-hand column of the Bureau home page will take you to many helpful items, including:

• Average weekly wage schedules (under “Claims Information”)
• A location where claim petitions can be filed electronically (under “Claims Information”)
• Downloadable forms (under “Forms”; also see appendix 8 in this book)
• Bureau codes (under “Workers’ Compensation Insurance”)
• Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Here is a direct link to aid users in identifying workers’ compensation insurance information for Pennsylvania employers:
http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt?open=514&objID=552709&mode=2

Office of Adjudication Website (including the Judge Book and the Act)

Go to the Department of Labor and Industry website: http://www.dli.state.pa.us and click on the link for Workers’ Compensation Office of Adjudication in the left-hand column. There is also a link from the top of the Bureau home page.

The Office of Adjudication home page links offer many useful resources, including:

• E-mail resource accounts for e-mails and routine correspondence to a WCJ’s office. See the link for what may (and may not) be sent, and the proper format.
• Judges’ Procedural Requirements, commonly called The Judgebook, in the left-hand column under “Judge Information”
• The entire text of the Workers’ Compensation Act (361 pages, in searchable, printable format), under the “Related Links” at the bottom of the page
• Forms, including Compromise and Release form, under “Forms” toward the bottom of the page
• Links for Electronic Petition Filing, toward the bottom of the page
• Office of Adjudication “WCOA Quick Links” to other home pages and related websites, under the “Related Links” at the bottom of the page

1. Know of a resource not listed here? E-mail sswope@pbi.org to suggest items for the next edition.
Workers’ Compensation Appeal Board

Go to the Department of Labor and Industry website, at http://www.dli.state.pa.us. Click the “Individuals” link on the left. A page will display entitled “Services and Information for Individuals.” Follow the Workers’ Compensation Appeal Board link on this page. Here you will find:

- A list of the members of the Board
- Forms and instructions for the appeal process
- A list of upcoming hearing dates
- Frequently asked questions (FAQs), with answers

Pennsylvania Code Online
http://www.pacode.com

Board Rules
http://www.pacode.com/secure/data/034/chapter111/chap111toc.html

Bureau Rules, Regulations, and Statements of Policy
http://www.pacode.com/secure/data/034/partVIIItoc.html

Judges’ Rules
http://www.pacode.com/secure/data/034/chapter131/chap131toc.html

Qualifications for Vocational Experts Approved by the Department
http://www.pacode.com/secure/data/034/chapter123/subchapCtoc.html

Other State Agencies

Department of Labor and Industry
http://www.dli.state.pa.us

Department of Health
http://www.dsf.health.state.pa.us/health/site/default.asp

Department of State
http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/department_of_state/12405

To file complaints against health-care providers:
http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/file_a_complaint/12406

To obtain information on provider licensure:
http://www.licensepa.state.pa.us/

Insurance Department
(for a list of workers’ compensation insurers)
http://www.insurance.pa.gov/

Click on “Services for Consumers,” on the left, then click on “Find an Insurance Professional”; click the link on the page for “Find an Insurance Company,” choose Workers’ Compensation from the options at the bottom of the page, and click the search button.

Pennsylvania Child Support Website
https://www.humanservices.state.pa.us/csws/index.aspx

Federal Links

Code of Federal Regulations

Food & Drug Administration
http://www.fda.gov/
OSHA
http://www.osha.gov/

Social Security Administration
http://www.ssa.gov
Current Rules and Regulations:
http://www.ssa.gov/regulations/index.htm
Also see separate heading for Medicare resources

Medicare Resources
Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
http://www.cms.hhs.gov/default.asp?
Medicare Part B Reference Manual
https://www.highmarkmedicareservices.com/partb/index.html
National Center for Health Statistics
(for life expectancies)
http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/products.htm

Medical Websites
Jenkins Law Library’s Medical Links
American Board of Medical Specialists
(for information on board certification of physicians)
http://www.abms.org
American Medical Association
(for general information on physicians)
http://www.ama-assn.org
American Osteopathic Association
(for information on board certification of physicians)
http://www.osteopathic.org/Pages/default.aspx
The Doe Report
(comprehensive source of online medical demonstrative evidence)
http://www.doereport.com/
National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health
http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/

Medscape
("robust and integrated medical information and education tools")
http://www.medscape.com/
National Institutes of Health
http://www.nih.gov/
National Library of Medicine
http://www.nlm.nih.gov/
New England Journal of Medicine
http://content.nejm.org/
Medline Plus
(from the National Library of Medicine and the National Institutes of Health)
http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/
Including PubMed at http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/, a service of the National Library of Medicine, includes over 14 million citations for biomedical articles back to the 1950s. These citations are from MEDLINE and additional life science journals. PubMed includes links to many sites providing full text articles and other related resources.

Bar Association Resources

Pennsylvania Bar Institute
(including catalog of workers’ compensation courses and books, plus 24-7 online courses)
http://www.pbi.org

Pennsylvania Bar Association Workers’ Compensation Law Section Newsletter
(downloadable from the members-only section of PBA website)
http://www.pabar.org/

PBA InCite
http://www.pabar.org/
Click on the PBA InCite link.
A Lexis service free to Pennsylvania Bar Association members. Especially helpful when you simply need Atlantic Second cite.

Pennsylvania Association for Justice
(formerly Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers’ Association —PaTLA)
http://www.pajustice.org/
Its Workers’ Comp Section hosts a “listserv” (e-mail discussion list for claimants’ attorneys).

Industry and Watchdog Groups

Pennsylvania Compensation Rating Bureau
(the licensed rating organizations for Pennsylvania workers’ compensation insurance)
http://www.pcrb.com/shared/p_contents.htm

National Correct Coding Initiative

OSHA
(to report unsafe working environments)
http://www.osha.gov

Insurance Fraud Prevention Authority
http://www.helpstopfraud.org

Miscellaneous Resources

Science Resources from Thomson Reuters (formerly the Institute for Scientific Information)
http://science.thomsonreuters.com/index.html

*Some of this information first appeared in the materials published by the Workers’ Compensation Bureau for its 2003 conference, and more recently as front matter in the copy of the Workers’ Compensation Act available on the Bureau website. Many thanks to the Bureau for allowing us to use it here.