Occupational Noise Induced Hearing Loss

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Time: 1:00 pm ET (12:00 pm CT, 11:00 am MT, 10:00 am PT)

Live Teleconference - $199  Live Teleconference & Archived CD Package - $248

Length: 1 hour 30 minutes

Benefits

This teleconference will bring you up to speed on issues related to hazardous occupational noise. Understand the intricacies of the effects noise exposure have on hearing. Get a handle on complicated issues surrounding the calculation of hearing impairment. Avoid problems down the road by getting to know state-specific workers' compensation issues. You'll gain the practical insight you need to deal with any challenges that come your way. Don't wait - register today to make sure you stay on the cutting edge of your field.

Agenda

I. Hazardous Occupational Noise
   A. Measurement of Noise
      1. Noise Level Survey
      2. Personal Dosimetry
   B. OSHA Standards
   C. Noise Reduction
      1. Abatement
      2. Attenuation

II. Effects on Hearing of Noise Exposure
   A. Measurement by Audiogram
      1. OSHA Standards
      2. Subjectivity and Methodology
   B. Characteristics of Occupational Noise-Induced Hearing Loss

III. The Issue of Causation
   A. Medical Opinion
   B. Presbycusis and Other Causes of Hearing Loss

IV. Calculation of Hearing Impairment
   A. Standard of Compensability
   B. Level of Benefits
   C. Use of AMA Formula
   D. Adjustment for Other Causes of Impairment

V. State-Specific Workers' Compensation Issues
   A. Date of Injury and Identifying the Responsible Employer and Insurer
   B. Notice of Injury
   C. Affirmative Defenses
1. Pre-Employment Audiogram
2. Post-Employment Audiogram
3. Impairment Threshold for Compensability
4. Statute of Limitations

**Who Should Attend**

Human resource directors, workers’ compensation managers, safety directors, benefits professionals, risk managers, insurance claims representatives, occupational health nurses, business owners and managers, controllers, CFOs and attorneys

**Faculty**

**Joseph F. Frattone, IV**, Charles S. Katz Jr., Swartz Campbell LLC

Joseph F. Frattone, IV, is a partner with the workers’ compensation group or Swartz Campbell LLC. Mr. Frattone has spoken at numerous seminars, including “Introduction to Workers’ Compensation in Pennsylvania” and “Workers’ Compensation Update”. **He is currently writing multiple chapters for a text devoted to the practice of workers’ compensation law in Pennsylvania.** In 2005 and in 2006, he was named as one of the Rising Stars of Pennsylvania’s Workers’ Compensation Bar. This award is given to the top attorneys in their field who are under 40 or who have been in practice for less than 10 years. Mr. Frattone received his B.A. degree from St. Joseph’s University where he majored in international relations and was a member of Phi Sigma Iota. Mr. Frattone then attended Ohio Northern University’s Pettit College of Law in Ada, Ohio. While there, he was the presiding judge of the Moot Court Executive Board and a member of the Environmental Law Moot Court Team. He was also a member of the Order of Barristers. Mr. Frattone is a member of the Pennsylvania and Philadelphia Bar Associations. He has been active in state and local politics since 1994. Mr. Frattone is licensed to practice in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. He is admitted to the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey. Mr. Frattone can be reached at 610-692-9500 or via email at jfrattone@swartzcampbell.com.

**Charles S. Katz Jr.** is a partner in the firm’s West Chester regional office of Swartz Campbell LLC. He recently relocated there after spending 35 years in our Philadelphia office. Mr. Katz concentrates his practice in the area of workers’ compensation. Representative clients include American Mining Insurance Company, B.P. Amoco, Inc., Laundry Owners’ Mutual Liability Insurance Association, the School District Insurance Consortium and Wyeth. He is licensed to practice in Pennsylvania and Washington, D.C., and is admitted before the U.S. Supreme Court, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 3rd Circuit, as well as several federal District Courts. Mr. Katz has had numerous articles published regarding occupational hearing loss, which include “Occupational Noise Induced Hearing Loss: The Medical & Legal Context in Pennsylvania,” periodically updated and republished since 1993, Swartz Campbell LLC; “Medical Reimbursement in Pennsylvania Worker’s Compensation,” periodically updated and republished since 1994, Swartz Campbell LLC; “The Act 57 Amendments to the Pennsylvania Worker’s Compensation Act,” periodically updated and republished since 1996, Swartz Campbell LLC; and “Occupational Noise Induced Hearing Loss: The Medical & Legal Context in Pennsylvania,” periodically updated and republished since 1993, Swartz Campbell LLC. Mr. Katz lectures frequently on the topic of workers’ compensation. Among his many presentations is “Pennsylvania Workers’ Compensation Update” which he has moderated for Lorman Educational Services in 2007 and 2008. He graduated from Bucknell University with a B.S. degree in business administration. Mr. Katz received his J.D. degree from American University, Washington College of Law. He is a member of the Pennsylvania and American Bar Associations. Mr. Katz also belongs to the Pennsylvania Defense Institute and the Pennsylvania Self-Insurers’ Association. He can be reached at 610-692-9500 or via email at ckatz@swartzcampbell.com.
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