

Workers' Compensation Theme Introduction

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I am very proud of this workers' compensation theme issue of the *Michigan Bar Journal*. Hopefully, the articles give an indication of how vast this area of the law is and how it impacts workers and employers. I am amazed by how much the Workers' Compensation Act and the practice have changed over the years and, of course, how they have remained the same.

Charles Palmer's article, "Passage of the 1912 Michigan Workmen's Compensation Act: A Grand Bargain for Whom?" details the act's history. It is interesting to read what was in place prior to the Workers' Disability Compensation Act and what that act was supposed to initially provide.

James Rinck's article, "The Old Order Changes, Yielding to the New," is very helpful in explaining the interworking between Social Security and workers' compensation. It is interesting how both rely on the vocational expert in defining disability.

Barry Adler's article, "Compensation for Work-Related Vehicular Accidents," gives a great explanation of personal injury protection (PIP) auto cases and workers' compensation and goes into detail about what is covered under workers'

compensation and PIP. In the current world of online shopping, grocery delivery, and the like, there will be more cases where an individual is injured while operating a vehicle for work.

As a group, the three articles illustrate how workers' compensation affects both employers and employees and how it is intertwined with other aspects of the law.

The State Bar of Michigan Workers' Compensation Section is open to all. Section members have carved a niche that, despite high-volume practices dealing with significant medical and financial issues, maintain cordial relations with one another. We welcome you. ■



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