

# TRIAL PRACTICE: Use of Vocational Experts

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## Vocational Expert Panel:

Vocational Experts will participate in the presentation of JCC Order and 1<sup>st</sup> DCA Opinion review. WC Legal Experts and the Florida WC Vocational Experts will be available for questions from the audience following presentation of key case elements: claim / legal issues, vocational factors, case synopsis.

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**Program Title: Trial Practice: Use of Vocational Experts**

**Date & Time: Thursday, April 9, 2015**

**Time: 3:45 pm → 4:45 pm**

## Overall Goal of Presentation:

This presentation will identify significant JCC Orders that involve the use of Vocational Experts within the context of Florida WC Legislation and Case Law. Secondly, the use of Vocational Experts in similar case scenarios will be contrasted from the Claimant Legal Expert and Defense Legal Expert perspective.

Opinions of the 1<sup>st</sup> DCA will be referenced in the course of the one hour presentation. The Panel Moderator will field questions from the audience to Vocational Experts. **10- 15 minutes maximum** will be allotted to each of the JCC Orders and associated 1<sup>st</sup> DCA Opinions. The Panel of Vocational Experts will include Experts involved in the actual cases or similar JCC Orders and 1<sup>st</sup> DCA Opinions.

## Program Objectives:

1. The attendee will learn how to select or direct key **Vocational Expert Questions** at Trial.
2. The attendee will be able to identify case work that may require **Vocational Expert Services**.
3. The attendee will be able to identify questions for the **key elements** of a **Reemployment Assessment**.
4. The attendee will learn to identify key **Labor Market** questions for Vocational Experts.
5. The attendee will be able to identify relevant practical questions on **Employability**
6. The attendee will be able to identify key **Vocational Factors** relevant for the PTD Claim or Defense.
7. The attendee will be able to identify the three elements of a **Daubert Challenge of Vocational Expert**.